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EDITORIAL.

THE Lecture Course for the coming year promises to have special attractions. A full announcement will be given in our next number.

LIFE is full of opportunities that pass but a short time. When gone, they close the door after them. Repents and remorse will never bring them back.

VERY good class has been organized in the Bible Normal Union. The work has begun in earnest, and the course as revised will be completed during the year.

THE *College-Man*, a review of which is among the reviews of this issue, is a club with the COLLEGE FORUM at five cents a year. This is a rare opportunity

for the readers of the COLLEGE FORUM. Let none fail to avail themselves of it.

No young man or woman can invest the same amount of time and money, in any way, that will open to them such probabilities of useful and paying employment and so augment their usefulness as in an education.

"THE making of a great magazine, being an inquiry into the past and future of Harpers' Magazine, showing the extent and character of its contributors for the past seven years, with specimen illustrations, has been received. It shows how great a magazine the Harpers' has become, both from an artistic and literary standpoint.

DURING the past vacation much of President Bierman's time was occupied in visiting camp-meetings and other public gatherings in the interest of the College. Friday, August 14th, he spent at Emig's Grove Camp near York, and in the afternoon a meeting was held in the interest of the College. Interesting addresses were delivered by the President and others, and good impressions made no doubt, such as will tell for the best interests of the educational work in the future.

CHARLES KINGSLEY in a letter to young men speaks with such force, and the words are so apropos to the present that we quote them:

"My dear young men, the human race may for practical purposes be divided into three parts: (1.) Honest men, who mean to do right and do it. (2.) Knaves, who mean to do wrong and do it. (3.) Fools who mean to do whatever of the two is pleasanter. And these last may be

divided again into black fools—who would rather do wrong, but dare not unless it is the fashion; white fools—who would rather do right, but dare not, unless it is the fashion."

As we go to press the sad news of Mrs. Sue Groff Thomas' death reached us. Ever since the Johnstown flood she has been ill. Her death was unexpected, and a great shock to her many friends. She entered the college in 1884 and pursued the classical course up to June, 1887, having completed all studies to the end of the junior year. On April 3, 1888, she was married to Mr. Harry Thomas of Johnstown, where they lived in happy wedded life until her death, the 13th inst. She was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. She died in the triumphs of a Savior's faith. Her labors were abundant, and she has gone to her reward.

Our New Professor.

At the opening of the present term our new professor, the Rev. J. A. McDermad, A. M., assumed the duties of his new position and at this writing there is every indication of success. The professor comes highly recommended by the Faculty of Pennsylvania College of which he is an *alumnus*; took a special course in chemistry during last spring term in order to equip himself for the work committed to his charge, and the friends and patrons of the college are hopeful of excellent results. The professor and wife have taken quarters on Railroad street, and will prove a desirable addition to our church and other religious and social interests. The professor is a member of the Pennsylvania Annaville Conference of our Church.

Our Opening.

On the morning of September 1st, the work of the present Collegiate year was begun under very satisfactory auspices. The number of names

enrolled at the end of the first week was seventy-two, which was an advance of ten over the previous year, and above the average of attendance at the opening of the Fall term.

Our Improvements.

The authorities of the College certainly merit the hearty congratulations and thanks of the students and patrons for the great surprise they had in store for them at the opening of the present term.

During the summer vacation both buildings, the Ladies' Hall and North College, have undergone a thorough renovation.

We take the liberty to quote from *The Annville Journal* of September 1st, the following:

"The Fall Term of Lebanon Valley College opens this morning at 9 o'clock. During the vacation the buildings have undergone a thorough renovation under the supervision of our active and competent President, Mr. Bierman, who, with the aid of his energetic wife, has entered into the noble work which he has undertaken, in the spirit of Antonio when he said:

"My purse, my person, my extremest means
Lie all unlocked to your occasions."

The money which has been expended has not been foolishly lavished on unnecessary accessions, but all has been most judiciously invested. The halls of both buildings have been very nicely wainscoted and papered, and new floors laid wherever necessary. All the rooms, too, have been nicely papered, and improvements in general have been made which will add to the comfort of the students and appearance of the school. President Bierman and Prof. Lehman have repaired and papered their recitation room at their own expense. Others of the faculty will follow this wise and generous action. Miss Sherrick, who returned on Saturday with a new student, has already selected the paper for her recitation room and by the close of the week will have it finished. Water has also been brought up to the door of each building. Among the encouraging remarks of visitors representing different colleges of the country, was the following from a Professor of Otterbein University who, in examining the apparatus for experimenting and illustrations, and the museum, said ours was equal to, and in several respects superior to those of older institutions. Thus as manifested by these improvements and the appearance of new students, a most encouraging revival of the interest of the College has taken place, and we have every reason to believe

that this will be one of the most profitable years in the history of the school."

Mt. Alto Reunion.

This annual gathering of our church members and others held in the interest of our mission work at Gettysburg this year, took place on the first of this month. Despite the unfavorable weather the attendance was large. Prof. H. Clay Deaner represented the College among the speakers of the day and delivered an address of unusual force and eloquence on the need of educating our children at this day. Among the points taken were the following:

Education is a child's right.

The church's duty to educate is as imperative as that of parent, while the responsibility is even greater.

The church that fails to supply means for the education of her children forfeits her right to the children.

The church needs both a sanctified education and piety.

We can not keep our children in the church unless we educate them.

We should educate them if we wish them to be good United Brethren.

The Two-Cent Contribution.

In response to an appeal sent out by Mrs. Bierman, Mrs. Lehman, and Miss Sherrick early in the month of July last, for a contribution of two cents from each sister in our church to aid "in refurnishing and making more home-like" the rooms and halls of the Ladies' Building, the following responses have come to hand up to date, and in the order in which they are given:

Littlestown,	\$ 4.50
Lancaster,	2.00
Rev. C. I. B. Brane,	1.00
Wm. O. Nelson, Esq.,	1.00
Schuylkill Haven,	1.56
Columbia,	2.30
Dillsburg,	2.50
Mr. R. A. Maulfair,25
Manheim,	1.30
Duncannon,	6.81
York, Second church,	2.75
Steelton,	3.50
Rev. J. H. Kurtz,	2.50
St. Paul, Philadelphia,	1.50
Middletown, East,	2.90
New Holland,	2.00
Mount Carmel,	1.25
Pinegrove,	1.25
Bendersville,	5.00
Mr. Elmer E. Grosh,95
Mr. John Fegan,50
Oberlin,	1.10
Lykens,	1.05
Lewars Brothers,07
Miss Iva Maulfair,05
Mountville,	5.00
Mr. Core Haines, Philadelphia, ..	5.00
Annville,	10.25
Miss Lulu K. Walmer,	1.50
Total,	\$71.34

Among the contributors will be noticed Lewars brothers, which represents two little boys of a family

not connected with our church. Miss Iva Maulfair is a little girl of five years who contributed her mite to her birthday. May not this announcement stimulate others to give to this worthy object? The improvements already made cover considerably more than the above sum.

The ladies who sent out the appeal take this opportunity to return their heartfelt thanks to the generous givers.

Young People's Day at Annville.

The Anniversary of the Y. P. C. U. at this place was held on Sunday, September 6th. The day was a perfect one. Long before 9 o'clock the young people filed into the church and both Sunday-school rooms were well filled and two large classes in the upper room.

At 10 a. m. the pastor, Rev. H. Spayd, preached a sermon to a large congregation in the interest of the young people. He took for his theme, "Last but not Least," based on St. John 6:9. He set forth the peculiarities and needs of our time and nation, and clearly showed that the young people's movement in the various churches is a great factor in the hand of God to bring the world to Christ.

The usual Y. P. C. U. gospel meeting was held in the lecture room at 6:30 p. m. Prof. J. E. Lehman opened the meeting and read the appointed Scripture, Isa. 55:1 and Rom. 22:10-17. A number of earnest prayers and edifying testimonies to Christ and his blessed religion followed.

At 7:20 the Union passed into the auditorium, where a large congregation had already gathered and was admiring the floral decorations, which had been arranged very tastefully by the floral committee.

A special program for the evening service had been prepared.

The pastor presided. The exercises were opened by a hallelu chorus sung by twenty voices, accompanied by four instruments.

After Prof. McDermad had read the 111 Ps. and another hymn he led in prayer.

Miss Anna R. Forney, a member of the Senior class, read a well prepared and interesting paper on "Origin and History of the Y. P. C. U."

Hervin U. Roop, of High School, another member of the Senior class delivered an address on "Diligence in Christian Work." His thoughts were clear and his arguments timely and to the point.

Miss Kate Mumma delivered a recitation. Subject: "The Legend of the Beautiful," which was listened to with interest.

Mr. Harry Kinports, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Minneapolis, Minn., gave a glowing report of the great International Convention of the Christian Endeavor movement, which convened in Minneapolis, July 1st.

The music was in charge of Prof. E. Lehman, President of the union, and musical director of this congregation and Sunday-school. It is useless to say that the music was a high order and very much appreciated by all who heard it.

A collection was taken for the Y. C. U. Mission, lately organized in Los Angeles, Cal., which amounted \$11.00.

The universal verdict was that the 1st anniversary of our local Y. P. U. was a grand success. S.

Prof. A. H. Gerberich, B. S.

It gives us great satisfaction to state that Prof. Gerberich, who so fully filled the chair of natural science in this institution during last year, has recently been elected Supervising Principal of the Public Schools of Williamstown, Dauphin County, this State. Prof. Gerberich is a painstaking teacher, an industrious student and indefatigable in the pursuit of any work he undertakes to do, and we have every reason to look for grand results in the schools of the town he has assumed to supervise.

County Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute, of Lebanon county, will be held this year from November 16th to 20th. The following are the list of entertainers:

Monday Evening—Lecture by Hon. Marriott Brosius, Congressman Lancaster county.

Tuesday Evening—An illustrated lecture by Von Finklestein Mamre.

Wednesday Evening—The Walter Person Concert Company.

Thursday Evening—Lecture by Joseph Cook, of Boston.

Friday Evening—Lecture by Dr. Ship, of Boston.

The following instructors will be present: Dr. N. C. Shaeffer, Dr. G. Phillips, Dr. E. O. Lyte, Dr. A. E. Ship, Ex-Supt. M. G. Brumagh, Mrs. H. E. Monroe, President Thompson, President Geo. Holzophel, President Bierman.

Alumni.

J. Evers, '91, has been elected Assistant Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Dayton, Ohio. He stopped at College on his way out, and expressed himself highly gratified at the outlook of the College and the

fine improvements in the buildings.

Dr. George R. Shenk, '87, whose success at Ringtown, Pa., has been almost phenomenal, has located at Reading, Pa.

Prof. A. H. Gerberich, '88, has been elected Supervisory Principal of the schools of Williamsport, Pa.

Prof. D. D. Keedy, '78, who was in the Railway Mail Service during the past year, is at present teaching "the young idea how to shoot" at Eakles Mill, Md.

Ella N. Saylor, '91, has re-entered the College, and will complete the musical course this year.

Prof. W. S. Ebersole, '85, will continue his post-graduate studies at Yale.

E. E. Keedy, '89, who is a member of the senior class (Yale Divinity), has been appointed principal of the schools of Rohrerstown, Md. He will re-enter Yale next year.

William M. Hain, '88, a lawyer of the Harrisburg bar, was nominated as the candidate for County Solicitor on the Democratic ticket in convention assembled August 26. Mr. Hain received the nomination unsolicited. Mr. Hain is very energetic and possesses executive ability. If elected he will prove a worthy solicitor.

Prof. A. V. Hiester, '87, who was Professor of Mathematics in Palatine College, Myerstown, Pa., last year, enters Union Theological Seminary, New York. While pursuing his theological course he will attend lectures in Philosophy in the University of New York.

Prof. J. T. Spangler, '90, who so successfully filled the Greek Department last year, has entered Union Biblical Seminary. Revs. Grant Shaeffer and S. C. Enck, both of '91, have also entered.

Prof. Wm. Keller, '90, who was principal of the schools of Richland, Pa., last year, will teach at Johnstown, Pa.

PERSONALS.

[Any announcement of Personals in Society items will not be repeated here.]

Mrs. Prof. Deaner is visiting at the Professor's parents in Maryland.

Ex-President Kephart brought two daughters to the college on the first.

Ex-President Lorenz, on his return from the Adirondacks, paid us a pleasant call at the opening of the term. He is greatly improved in health.

Miss Emma Landis was visiting Miss Sheldon at Canton, Pa. She has been a sufferer from malaria for some time.

Miss Weimer, of Sedgwick, Kansas, is a prospective student.

Rev. John Graybill, '72, of Pittsburgh, filled our pulpit on the 13th inst.

Mrs. Bowman, of Canada, mother of Prof. Bowman, who was visiting the Professor, has returned home.

Miss Annie Keedy is visiting Miss Anna Brightbill, '92, and contemplates re-entering the college in the late fall.

On the 10th inst., Rev. George Imboden, of the Evangelical church, conducted chapel services.

Prof. McFadden and family spent several weeks among his many friends here the latter part of August. While here the Professor attended the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Washington, D. C., of which he is a member.

KATAKEKOMMENA.

Several gentlemen of the Senior class are seriously affected with stiff necks. The malady is singularly singular. They have the entire sympathy of their sisters.

One of the first things which greeted the ears of our citizens was the College yell. The next, how beautiful the college looks. We are proud of her and rejoice to see such nice improvements. Long may L. V. C. live to bless humanity.

The enrollment of the class entering the three years' course of the Chautauqua Circle numbers 15,000.

Sally, the interesting chimpanzee of the Zoological Gardens, London, has departed this life. She could count up to seven, had a large acquaintance, and had often been interviewed by Darwin.

Humboldt calculated the mean level of North America to be 748 feet above the sea, and he found that in 4,500,000 years the whole of North America might be worn down to the sea level.

Miss Anna M. Williams, of Philadelphia, is the living model of the Goddess of Liberty as found on the obverse side of the Bland silver dollar. She is known as Miss Liberty, the popular teacher in the Girls' Normal School.

Rev. J. E. Kieffman, '89, presented the museum with a fine collection of snake eggs.

Two-thirds of the applicants for admission to West Point and Annapolis, according to Dr. Cheseman of Chicago, are rejected because of the cigarette habit and its results.

By an interesting experiment at the Florence Polytechnic Institute, it has been found that a "snail's pace" means, that it would take a snail exactly fourteen days to crawl a mile.

Millicent: "What is the meaning

of 'reciprocity,' Will?" Will: "It means an exchange in which neither party has the advantage; as, for instance, if you were to give me a kiss (like this) I would be obliged to give you one in return (like this). See?" Millicent: "Yes, how lovely; but, Will, I don't see how an old man like Mr. Blaine can be so interested in it."—*Keystone.*

A priest had a loud, harsh voice, and when he sang the service, or preached, one of the women in the congregation wept. He noticed this, and was touched. He thought that this was an acknowledgment of the power of his sermons or the beauty of his singing, but was not quite sure which. So he asked the woman one day why she wept when he sang and preached. "Oh, sir," she answered, "I had once a faithful, dear old ass, and one winter the wolves ate him. Whenever I hear you, sir, I recall the bray of my ass, and my tears flow!"

MATHEMATICAL CORNER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Professor of Mathematics, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

Instead of the problems and solutions usually given here, we give in this number by way of variety a few *mathematical items*. Perhaps our readers will be as much interested in these as they would be in the problems.

First of all we want to let our friends know that the classes in this department are fully organized and regularly at work. Our surroundings have been greatly improved and beautified during the vacation. The mathematical room has been papered and painted, and is now acknowledged to be the most inviting room about the institution, at least from an æsthetic standpoint; the modern language room is not excepted, though that has been somewhat improved as well as the mental and moral science room. There are a few who think that the exact science is "dry," and are a little slow in acknowledging their convictions on the above point.

Five classes in pure Mathematics and a class in Mechanics recite daily, two in Arithmetic, one in Algebra, one in Solid Geometry, and one in Analytical Geometry. These classes are not large, but are working with an enthusiasm that is commendable. The class in Analytics is a little "at sea" yet, but the light is beginning to dawn; the subject is somewhat abstract and consequently difficult, but with such an effort as some are putting forth it must be conquered. Here, as elsewhere, "labor omnia vincit."

Prof. Schurman of Cornell Uni-

versity, in a paper on "The Ideal College Education," pays a high compliment to the study of mathematics. We can not refrain from quoting a few extracts here. He says—"the goal of every science of nature is to become applied mathematics, and this goal has actually been attained by physics which is the basal science of nature. Accordingly, we may regard mathematics as the *portal of all scientific culture*. (The italics are mine.) * * * * Altogether, then, I consider elementary mathematics an essential of a liberal education, not because, as is generally said, it is a good mental discipline, but because it is the indispensable condition of the study of the principal sciences of nature. By means of it we unlock the mysteries of the physical world, which is the one pole of our intellectual interest, as man himself is the other."

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Clionian Literary Society.

Virtute et Fide.

As we have come to the commencement of another year's work, we look back over the past few months with feelings of pleasure at the remembrance of kindly associations and friendships formed during our short vacation.

How glad we were when the last school session closed to return to those we loved. How many pleasant recollections we have of days of enjoyment, perhaps days of recreation when we obtained physical culture. But we need not only to be developed physically but mentally. However pleasant may have been our vacation, we nevertheless felt that we preferred assuming duties of higher importance, such as will afford mental culture and discipline.

We have returned with a full determination to make the society work a success. We recognize the essential element to a thorough education is participation in society work. We need to acquire such knowledge as is derived from the text-book and classroom, but we need the society to develop our powers more symmetrically.

The society held its first meeting on Friday evening, September 4th. The following officers were elected: President, Anna Forney; Vice-President, Minnie Weinman; Secretary, Anna Brightbill; Treasurer, Ida Bowman. The following names were proposed: Misses Sherrick, Heberly, Erb, King and Gerberich.

We are glad to welcome these ladies into the Society. We feel that in order to do effectual work,

an increase of members will be very helpful.

We are also glad to have with us Miss Anna Keedy, of Rohrerstown, Md., formerly a member of the Society.

As she is spending some time at this place, we feel highly pleased to have her with us in our weekly meetings. The enthusiastic interest manifested by her in the work of the society, assures us that her influence is such as to create a greater activity and earnestness among the members to do more effectual work.

Kalozetean Literary Society.

Palma non sine Pulvere.

After having been away from school and its duties for several weeks, we have again returned and resumed our studies and social work. When we arrived, we were glad to see familiar faces, and to find the condition of things so different. Indeed, as we saw the halls and rooms so nicely repaired, we could not help but become encouraged to resolve to do hard work during the year. The boys who were with us during last year, with two exceptions, are back and report having had a pleasant vacation. It is with pleasure that we note the deep interest taken by the members in the society and the determination to do faithful work.

We are glad to have with us this year Messrs. J. O. Mohn, of Reading, Pa., D. N. Scott, of Seymour, W. Va., and E. S. Feeser, of Linglestown, Pa., all former students. Mr. Mohn intends taking the college course.

Messrs. S. Garman, of Harrisburg, Pa., and S. J. Evers, class '91, honored us with a short visit during the first week of school. They look well and happy. We are always glad to see the smiling faces of these gentlemen, and enjoy listening to their words of cheer and encouragement. Mr. Evers was on his way to London, Ohio, where he is employed by the Y. M. C. A. as membership secretary. We wish him success.

On Friday evening, September 12th, the following subjects were discussed: Immigration, The Jews in Russia, The Relation of the Church in Modern Scientific Thought, and the subject for debate: "Resolved, that Morality does not Advance Civilization," was ably discussed.

Philokosmian Literary Society.

"Esse Quam Videri."

As the students left the halls of the College at the close of the last year,

be ve prospects for the opening of the
all Term were not as bright as they
with ht have been. But as they re-
servin at the opening of this year, they
he So that truly "things are not what
y seem;" that, contrary to the
time pectations of many and (unfortu-
eased tely) the hopes of a few, the build-
y mgs were not left with bolted doors,
st mandoned to indifference and
fornlect; but on every hand are evi-
nfluent the most encouraging signs of
ter zeivity and improvement. The
embildings have been nicely repaired
d beautified, and generally the
llege seems in the dawn of a very
osperous future.

Not among the least potent influ-
ces in the accomplishment of all
is, was the effort of the P. L. S.
d its ex-members. The interests
the College have been well repre-
ted by them at every assemblage
the United Brethren people during
e summer, and the result is mani-
sted in the improvements and the
coming of new students, some of
ich have already seen fit to unite
mselves with our interests.

The first meeting of the term was
ing ti on Friday evening, September
with an attendance of 21 active
ubers. The program was an
having poraneous one. Notwithstand-
is with his and the loss we sustain by
eep in absence of the class of '91, the
ers in showed themselves equal to the
a to d sion. Various subjects relating
e history, interests and coming
ks of the term were discussed in
eady and creditable manner. All
mour visitors expressed themselves as
ser, pleased.

ident uring the business session which
he co owed, everything conspired to
into flame the spirit of Philokos-
anism, and every face was radiant
h zeal and willingness for the
rk. H. U. Roop reported twenty-
volumes donated to our library;
lad ers, propositions for membership,
gent finally came the initiation, by
th time our spirits were fairly
em ing over with glee and exulta-
as we realized how happily and
ately we were banded together;
reminiscences and associations
ed across our minds as we sat
more in our almost sacred hall,
saw others coming in to join
ev e ranks. The good old Philokos-
th h song was rolled out from the
t, ill depths of the soul in volumes
olve d the whole community, and
e w ne close of the session the boys,
ed, ble to contain their ecstasy, gath-
el in front of the building and
g out in cheering accents the
ieat nating Philo yell. Ah! ex-
los and friends, we realize that
is good for us to be here." Let
have occasional calls from you.
of t will be glad to receive you at
ye time.

Through the kindness of our ex-
member Dr. H. B. Stehman, '73,
Superintendent of Presbyterian Hos-
pital, Chicago, we were the recipi-
ents of twenty-five valuable volumes
for our library. Among them are
twenty volumes of the ancient and
modern library of Theological Liter-
ature. An unabridged French Dic-
tionary in two volumes, Giekie's
Life of Christ, Abercrombie's Intel-
lectual Philosophy and a collection
of old catalogues and programs of
anniversary and commencement ex-
ercises of L. V. C., for all of which
we are very grateful.

Our library numbers now seven
hundred and eighty-six volumes,
and we want to swell this to
one thousand before June. If our
friends and brothers wish to make us
happy, let them follow the example
of Dr. Stehman and remember us
with a volume.

THE EARTH A DYNAMO.

Professor Bigelow Adds to the Romance of
Science—Baffling Problems Likely to Be
Solved.

A Washington letter to the New
York *Tribune* of late issue says: A
stir has been created this month in
scientific circles, especially among
astronomers and meteorologists by
an announcement of Professor Frank
H. Bigelow. For over a year he has
been laboring to demonstrate, what
has been suspected, but never before
has been proven, that the sun is
either a magnet or very much like
one, in its influences on other heav-
enly bodies, and that the strange
phenomena of terrestrial magnetism
spring from that source. This work,
which was original in method, and
exceedingly intricate and difficult,
has at last reached a stage which ex-
perts accept as success. This im-
portant discovery promises to unlock
several hitherto impenetrable mys-
teries of the universe, to open new
fields of research, and to win lasting
and high renown both for this young
scientist and his country.

ORIGIN OF THE SOLAR CORONA.

Prof. Bigelow started out, more
than two years ago, by attempting to
explain the solar corona as of mag-
netic origin. This beautiful and
marvelous spectacle is only to be
seen when the sun itself is com-
pletely obscured by the moon in
total eclipse. It stretches out from
the edge of the disc like an irregular
halo, in some places and at certain
times extending a distance nearly
equal to a solar diameter, the outline
somewhat suggesting several wings,
and altogether being roughly star-
shaped. But it fluctuates in figure
and extent greatly. A very gener-
ally held opinion as to its nature

has been that it was gaseous, the
spectroscope revealing therein hy-
drogen and various vaporized met-
als, besides some substances whose
composition is not known. But as
meteorites fall through it without
much, if any, perceptible resistance,
obviously the outer envelope of the
sun is of a very delicate texture.
Another feature of the corona is that
it seems to radiate in fine streaks
which are not entirely straight, but
slightly curved. It is this curvature
that is the foundation of Professor
Bigelow's discovery. He conceived
that the coronal streamers or rays
might correspond to what Faraday
called "the lines of force" in a spher-
ical magnet, and set out to see if this
were true.

A FAMILIAR EXPERIMENT.

Every school boy and school girl
who has studied natural philosophy
recalls the pictures of iron filings on
a sheet of paper, grouped like feathery
fringes about the ends of a horse-
shoe-magnet placed below. These
filaments tend to organize into
radiant lines, leaving one pole of the
magnet and entering the other. The
precise direction and shape of these
lines in a spherical magnet have been
carefully studied and described by
such eminent physicists as Maxwell,
Mascart, Thomson and Tait, and
whether the coronal lines correspond-
ed to these was to be ascertained by an
elaborate mathematical method known
as "analysis by spherical harmonics."
The first test was made with a pho-
tograph of the corona taken on Jan-
uary 1, 1889, by the Harvest eclipse
party. The harmony between the
curve of the lines there exhibited
and that which theory prescribes
was so close as to give substantial
confirmation of Professor Bigelow's
suspicion.

CAUSE OF SUNSPOTS.

The matter composing the coronal
streamers is believed to be shot up
from the sun by some expelling force
but it ceases to be incandescent and
visible at a short distance. It is part
of Prof. Bigelow's theory that sun-
spots are caused in part, if not wholly,
by the falling of this matter perpen-
dicularly to the sun's surface and as
it ascends from high latitudes in
rocket-like curves which bend over
toward the equator, this deposit
would of course fall nearer to the
equator the more powerful the origi-
nal ejection. Therefore he connects,
as cause and effect, the weaker cor-
onal development observed at the
minimum stage of the eleven-year
cycle with the higher latitude in
which spots are then found, and the
greater coronal extension at the
maximum period with the greater
proximity of the spots to the equa-

tor. Some of the coronal matter, the lighter part of course, may not be deposited on the sun, he thinks, but being carried along the lines of force to the plane of the equator, it may become distributed out in space in that plane so as to cause that other mysterious appearance, "the zodiacal light."

THE SUN'S ROTATION PERIOD.

One use which Professor Bigelow has made of this discovery is to ascertain, in a way never before possible, how long certain parts of the sun were in making a complete revolution. A study of spots has shown that the regions near the equator revolve faster than those near the poles. But spots are seldom or never seen in either hemisphere in higher latitude than 45 degrees. Fortunately, the centres about which the coronal belts are arranged, and which Prof. Bigelow for convenience calls the sun's "coronal poles," are not identical with the geographical poles, but are about $4\frac{1}{2}$ degrees to one side. Hence they will be in different positions, as regards the axis of rotation, at different times. Having located them, then, in each of his three photographs, taken in different years, he is enabled to compute precisely the time required for a single revolution, which he finds to be 27 days, 9 hours, 52 minutes, 52 seconds. He can now easily locate the position of these poles at any future hour or minute.

POLARIZATION OF THE SUN.

Professor Bigelow is very careful to avoid calling the sun a "magnet." He merely proves that it is a "polarized body," acting like one. He takes pains to say that the influence exhibited in the corona, whether it really be magnetism or some other cosmical force (or form of force) related to it much as light is to heat, it is simply subject to the same mathematical laws as magnetism. The same principle by which Newton explained the fall of the apple to the earth also shows why the planets stay in their regular orbits about the sun, instead of flying off into space. But attraction formed only part of that great philosopher's system. Repulsion is also included in it. And many of the mathematical formulae applicable in discussing phenomena of the former class are also suited to the latter, with merely a change of algebraic signs from plus to minus. Great mathematical problems relating to electricity and magnetism are solved by this method or "function;" and Professor Bigelow merely claims that the polarization of the sun, and the solar control of terrestrial magnetism are instances of "the Newtonian Potential Function in the case of Repulsion."

TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM.

"True as the needle to the pole," like many other similes, is an imperfect comparison. That little strip of steel by which every navigator in the civilized globe steers his craft, and by which every acre of land in the world is surveyed before its bounds are designated for record, does not, except in rare instances, point due north, nor is it stationary. Its direction is toward a certain centre called a magnetic pole, some distance from the geographical pole; and but for carefully drawn charts, making proper corrections for the greater or less variation in every part of the globe, our ships would be wrecked and our boundaries would be wrong, through the false guidance of the compass.

FLUCTUATIONS OF THE NEEDLE.

There is, moreover, a small daily oscillation. After remaining steady all night, the needle will at day-break, in our hemisphere, begin to swing very slowly eastward until 9 or 10 o'clock, and then move westward past the starting point until noon or 2 p. m., after which it returns, reaching its ordinary position by or before sunset. This oscillation is very small—practically nothing at the equator, about five to eight minutes of an arc at Washington and Philadelphia, rather more in Toronto, still greater in Labrador, and up on Lady Franklin Bay, in north latitude 81.44, as much as two full degrees on some days. The oscillation, which, by the way, is quite distinct from the more sudden, violent and irregular perturbations called "magnetic storms" is greater in summer than in winter, greater at the equinoxes than at the solstices, and from 50 to 75 per cent. greater at the maximum than at the minimum stage of sunspot frequency in the eleven-year circle. In the Southern Hemisphere the swing is in the reverse direction, and there are a few stations where there is a double, instead of only a single, complete daily fluctuation.

SUNLIGHT AND MAGNETISM.

Terrestrial magnetism results, Professor Bigelow believes, from solar energy transmitted to the earth along two sets of lines; one the coronal, curved, and crossing the plane of the ecliptic near us perpendicularly; the other, straight, like the rays of light and heat, and parallel with the ecliptic. The latter set he holds to be the most important, at least as regards the daily oscillation of the needle. What takes place every day, then, as the earth rotates in these rays is practically what takes place in a dynamo for producing electricity. It is only necessary to move any conduct-

ing substance past a magnet, and its "lines of force," to have a conductor made a magnet itself the time being by "induction." While for a system of electrical currents circulating around its axis to be excited, while the conductor approaches the nearest end acquires, let us say, north pole magnetism, and the surrounding currents go in one direction; counter-clock-wise; but when the moving conductor has passed the stationary magnet, this same near end, now receding, reverses its polarity, and is like a south pole.

In a dynamo there are scores, not to say hundreds, of such conductors arranged on a circular rotating frame, which are thus brought in succession toward and away from the dominating magnets. Professor Bigelow conceives of each spot on the earth's surface as being rotating daily past the sun, and going through this same experience. From dawn to noon it approaches; from noon to sunset it recedes. The various instruments in an observatory registering the various components of the magnetic situation induce immediately underneath them, swirl the first in one direction and then in the other, and when they are carried out of sight of the sun at night come to a state of rest, provided, of course, that no exterior disturbance arises. Were the earth stationary this radiant influence would be felt instantaneously, but owing to its rotation there is a lag of about 23 degrees of longitude, or about an hour and half of time. Along these radiating lines light and heat pass outward well from the sun; the magnetic force is shown to be directed inward.

FUTURE WORK.

Work in the immediate future, Professor Bigelow thinks, should be pushed in these directions: First, the agreement between theory and observations certain "constants" should be ascertained—the strength of the solar magnetic field, the measurability of the earth, and the atmospheric resistance to magnetism. He would have the relations between magnetism and weather examined afresh from this new vantage ground. Improved magnetic charts supplied to navigators, and observatories established, not as now, very much random, but in picked localities, render the record more perfect. He also believes that inequalities in motion of the perihelion of Mercury and the moon's node—the one adequately explained on the theory of an intra-Mercurial planet, and other not accounted for by gravitation—can be cleared up by a process of his recent discovery.

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Weight of the Spanish Royal Family.

While passing a weighing machine on the esplanade at San Sebastian with the children recently, the Queen Regent of Spain took it into her head to get the whole party weighed. From the scales tipped the beam at the following figures: King Alfonso weighs 35 pounds; his mother, the Queen Regent, 118; his eldest sister, the Princess of the Asturias, 48, and the Infanta Maria Theresa, 45. That is to say, the entire family weighs just three pounds less than the old, but not venerable, Queen Isabella the Second.

How to Take Care of the Brain.

The brain stands most abuse of any organ in the body. Its best tonic and stimulant is success. The most depressing thing to the brain is failure. The most injurious effects come by using stimulants in daily life. Young people should never use liquors, tea or coffee. The latter two may not exactly do harm, but they are conducive of no good. In the act mostly on the brain and to injure its growth very materially. The abundance of sleep is necessary. Fourteen hours is not more than enough. Sleep is the time of relatively low expenditure and increased repair.—*Exchange.*

The Force of Habit.

It was after a dinner at Young's, a well-known Commonwealth Avenue physician had been dining with a few professional cronies, and as the cigars were lighted the talk drifted to the tobacco habit; first, in its effect upon the race at large, and then to its peculiar effects upon various individuals.

"I know a man," said the elder physician, whose income, by the way, runs into five figures; "in fact, he is in my employ, who is the victim of the strangest whims in regard to the use of the weed that ever came under my observation. He is a Scotchman, about sixty years old. Twelve years ago he deserted from the English navy and came to this country, when I gave him place as coachman. One morning I went into the stable and noticed that a hole about four feet square had been cut in a partition between two stalls and a shelf had been nailed up under it. I wondered what on earth it had been done for, but Donald was away at the time, and when he came back he had slipped my mind.

It was as much as a week afterwards before I had occasion to go to the stable again, and when I did, I found Donald standing on a stool,

leaning his elbow on the shelf, with a long, clay pipe in his mouth, smoking away like a good one, and blowing the smoke through the little window he had cut. Upon my questioning him, he told me that of the twenty years he had passed in her Majesty's service, ten of it had been on board a powder ship, where the rules against smoking were very strict.

"During all this time he had been accustomed four times a day to stand upon a chest and lean out of a port-hole to smoke, so that no one would smell him, and when at last he took French leave he found that he could not get any satisfaction out of a pipe unless indulged in in the old posture, and so, from that day to this, you can find him after each meal, and for half an hour before going to bed, standing on that stool blowing his smoke through the little window."—*Boston Herald.*

We talk of food for the mind, as of food for the body; now a good book contains such food inexhaustibly; it is a provision for life, and for the best part of us, yet how long most people would look at the best book before they would give the price of a fine dinner for it! Though there have been men who have bared their backs and pinched their stomachs to buy a book, whose libraries were cheaper to them, I think, in the end, than most men's dinners are. If public libraries were as costly as public dinners, or books cost the tenth part of what bracelets do, even foolish men and women might sometimes suspect there was good in reading, as well as in munching and sparkling; whereas, the very cheapness of literature is making people forget that if a book is really worth reading it is worth buying.—*John Ruskin.*

You can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into calmness; you must keep it pure if you would have it pure; and throw no stones into it if you would have it quiet.—*John Ruskin.*

John Burroughs, in an essay in the September Atlantic on "Analogy: True and False," which is full of analogies quoted from all kinds of writers, says:

A man's life may stagnate as literally as water may stagnate, and just as motion and direction are the remedy for one, so purpose and activity are the remedy for the other. Movement is the condition of life, anyway. Set the currents going in the air, in the water, in the body, in the mind, in the community, and

a healthier condition will follow. Change, diversity, activity, are the prime conditions of life and health everywhere. People with doubts and perplexities about life go to work to ameliorate some of its conditions, and their doubts and perplexities vanish, not because the problems are solved, as they think they are, but because their energies have found an outlet, the currents have been set going. Persons of strong will have few doubts and uncertainties. They do not solve the problems, but they break the spell of their enchantment. Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.

REVIEWS.

THE COLLEGE-MAN is an Intercollegiate Magazine of student life and work. It has thirty-six associate editors in thirty-six of the leading colleges. Prominent College Presidents, Professors, Alumni and Undergraduates are our contributors. It is handsomely illustrated. It is the only Intercollegiate paper in the college world. It is popular, not technical in character. It contains thirty-two quarto pages. It is published at Yale with E. E. Keedy, '89, as business manager.

Prominent features for 1891-92, are: A fine series of articles by prominent College Presidents; Another series on "Methods of Teaching and study," by Professors and Teachers; An instructive essay each month on "Memory," by Mr. Addison King, M. A., of Cambridge, England; Series of articles on various College Fraternities, including Sigma Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Upsilon and others yet to be arranged for. Questions of Fraternity life will also be treated; "Chapter Houses," with Illustrations; "Experiences Since Graduation," by eminent Alumni; Interesting news each month from the Colleges. This is a very prominent feature; Biography of eminent College Educators, with Photo-Engravings. "Oratorical Association" and "Oratorical Contests." Articles by officers of the Inter-State and Southern Oratorical Associations; College Athletics, an interesting and full treatment; Prize Stories, by undergraduate men and women; Numerous Symposia, on questions of College work, by undergraduates; Y. M. C. A. Notes from the College Associations. Methods of Y. M. C. A. work discussed; College Humor—Poems, sketches, etc.; Impartial review of College Publications.

The startling fact is shown by reports of the Massachusetts Commissioners of Prisons that during the last fifty years, while the population of the State has only trebled, the number of criminals has increased fifty fold. There is one prisoner to every 400 inhabitants in the State, and in Boston one to every 232 inhabitants. This large proportion, however, includes re-commitments. These facts are interpreted by Mr. William P. Andrews, for many years Clerk of the Criminal Court at Salem, Mass., as evidence that the "reformatory" conduct of prisons has caused an alarming increase of crime, and that the substitution of reformatory for punitive treatment is fast bringing us to State socialism through the attractiveness of prison-life. Mr. Andrews will contribute an article to the October Forum,

containing the results of many years' observation of the working of the two systems.

The poet Swinburne has written an article giving his estimate of a number of minor English poets.

"An English Tribute to Lowell," by Archdeacon Farrar, is announced for the October number of the *Forum*.

The October *Forum* will contain an article on the prevalence of gambling in the United States, in which an effort is made to calculate the enormous proportions of the "business." The writer will present much evidence to show that we are a nation of gamblers.

HENRY LABOUCHERE has written for the October *Forum* an article on "The English Royal Family; its Uses and its Cost."

THE grave problems in education, the problems that remain grave, however great our educational advancement, because they are fundamental, are: (1) What a Preparatory School for Boys should teach; for example—how far moral instruction should be a matter of direct or routine work, and how far a matter of general influence only; how far work should be done for mental drill and how far for the acquisition of facts. (2) The corresponding problem of the proper education of girls: whether the schools for their higher education, and the colleges that admit both sexes and the "annexes" to universities have been successful. Here, too, comes in the old contention that women are not physically equipped for severe training. (3) Are our universities properly related to present American life and conditions, or are they too great a degree survivals from obsolete conditions? As a part of this same problem the work of the schools of technology and of industrial schools comes up for consideration: Do they do the work of a real education? These fundamental problems are all discussed in the September number of *The Forum*: "The Ideal American School for Boys," by the Rev. Dr. Coit, the venerable headmaster of the famous St. Paul's School for Boys, at Concord, N. H.; "The Value of Technological Education," by Prof. H. W. Tyler, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and "The Opportunity of Making a New University Unhampered by Traditions," by President Jordan of the New Leland Stanford, Jr., University, California. Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, formerly President of Wellesley College, herself a graduate of the University of Michigan, reviews the experiments that have been made in "co-educational" institutions, in the higher colleges for women, and in the Women's Annexes to Universities; and Miss Porter, Principal of famous "The Elms" School for Girls, at Springfield, Mass., writes of the "Physical Hindrances to Teaching Rich Girls." This group of *Forum* articles is the result of an inquiry made some time ago by the editor of *The Forum* of a large number of our leading teachers as to what the real problems of education are, and as to who could best throw light on them.

WE are accustomed to associate the name of Rudyard Kipling with stories of Indian military life, but in his nautical story, "The Disturber of Traffic," which appears in the September *Atlantic*, he has struck an entirely new vein. Mr. Kipling has never done anything of the same kind before, and has never been more vivid and astounding than in the present story. Another short story, "An Innocent Life," is contributed by Lillie B. Chace Wyman. Mr. Stockton's "House of Martha" is continued by a long installment, and

Mary Hartwell Catherwood gives us four clever chapters of "The Lady of Fort St. John."

The rest of the number is made up of a collection of remarkably good articles. Octave Thanet has a second paper on "Town Life in Arkansas." John Burroughs has left his fields for "A Study of Analogy." Mr. Bradford Torrey, however, still remains faithful to his rustic haunts in a sketch of "Dyer's Hollow." John Fiske has a paper on "Europe and Cathay," which discusses the reasons why early Norse discoverers of America were not its real discoverers. A paper on "The Author Himself," by Woodrow Wilson; a charming description of the Japanese Feast of Lanterns and the Market of the Dead, by Lafcadio Hearn, and a review of Mrs. Oliphant's *Life of Laurence Oliphant* (in itself practically a biographical sketch of that extraordinary man), under the apt title of "A Modern Mystic," are among the other interesting papers.—HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co., Boston.

THE most timely and interesting feature of the September number of the NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE is a finely-il-

lustrated article on the late Edward Gess and his Boats. The writer is McVey, the yachting editor of the *Boston Herald*. Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells of the number with a sketch of Campbell and its old Brass Cannon. E. P. Pov who is associated with W. O. McDow the leading spirit in the movement draw the republics of the world closer bonds, writes with fine enthusiasm on "A Pan-Republic Congress." Charles Howard Shinn, the well-known California writer, contributes a paper "The University of California," well illustrated, and very interesting. Dr. Prosper Bender, in an article "The French Canadian Peasantry," gives us an insight into the conduct of elections in French Canada. Caroline Christie Stecker writes on "Philip, Pontiac, and Tecumseh," the prophets and warriors of the Indian race. A gossip on books and novelists by Walter Blackburn Hall under the attractive title of "In a Corner at Dodsley's," is interesting. Arthur Salmon, an English writer, contributes a fine poem, "A Buried City." Editor's Table and Omnibus are brief and pertinent.

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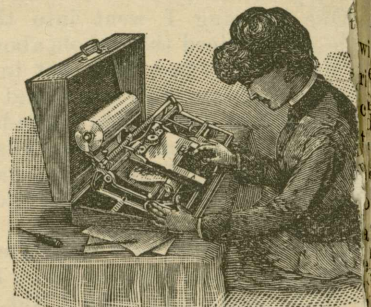
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EDITORIAL.

ME excuse their ignorance by pretending that their tastes lie in another direction.

TOTAL eclipse of the moon on November 15th will be visible to all are favored with an unclouded

enjoyed a very pleasant visit Col. Robt. Cowden, on the 6th He addressed the students in chapel on Bible Normal Union

HE editor of the Mathematical in our September issue told about his beautiful room, which true to the letter, but at this

writing he wishes he had not rejoiced so soon, or so loud, as the Latin room far excels.

No one can tell how much he can accomplish until he tries. The reason so many do not accomplish anything is because they never try. "Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in adversity, and a provision in old age."

OUR church is now undergoing repairs. The auditorium will be re-seated, papered, painted and carpeted. A recess will be made, and the old windows replaced with memorial ones. The main Sunday-school room will be enlarged by taking the partition out between the two rooms. Windows will be lowered, ceiling be raised, and seated with chairs. A chapel will be built in the rear of the Sunday-school room for the infant school, which will be seated with kindergarden chairs.

ALCOVES have been placed in the library to make room for the books now in the library and for those which will be purchased and donated during the year. Our library has grown very rapidly the past few years, and contains a collection of books not excelled by any library in the church. We invite our friends to come to see our library and make the acquaintance of the many friends whose association will make you better. It will afford the librarian great pleasure to enroll your name as one of the donors.

A VERY interesting service was held in the college prayer room Thursday evening, October 8th, in observance of the day of prayer for young women as appointed by the Young Women's Christian Association. A special programme was

rendered, in which most of the young ladies participated. The leader, Miss Stehman, spoke very earnestly on the meaning and importance of the day. Other speakers followed. A spirit of earnestness and devotion pervaded the entire meeting. The special music added interest. Every one present felt that it was the best Young Women's Christian Association meeting held in several years. The Association is looking forward to a prosperous year.

A JOINT anniversary of the Sunday-school and Bible Normal Union was held at the East Pennsylvania Conference at Reading, on Friday evening, the 9th inst. Prof. Deaner presided. Dr. Miller, of Dayton, Ohio, opened with prayer. Addresses were made by Rev. C. J. Kephart, on the Magnitude and Significance of the Sunday-school; by Col. Robert Cowden, on the Duty of all Teachers to at once enter the Bible Normal, and by Rev. C. W. Hutzler, on the Financial Support of the General Sabbath-school Board. The music was led by Bro. Dasher, of Reading. The exercises were of a very interesting character and created a new interest in Bible study. It is hoped that large classes will be organized on the different charges. Who will send in the first report?

A Chance for a Nice Present.

Since our last issue our subscription list has grown nearly one hundred. We are very anxious to get THE COLLEGE FORUM into every home in the patronizing conferences. This can be done if all will work together. To further induce our friends to aid us we decided to make the following propositions:

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Bishop Kephart.

On Monday afternoon, October 5, the Bishop paid the college a visit. He was brought to town in a private conveyance from Lebanon, and as soon as his arrival became known among the students, an impromptu meeting of reception was arranged for. Under the escort of President Bierman, Presiding Elder Mumma and others, he was taken through the College buildings and over the campus to witness the numerous improvements made during the past vacation. At half-past 3 o'clock he met, by invitation, the students and many friends of the college in the chapel, and after a pleasant introduction by the President, delivered a highly appropriate and instructive address of about thirty minutes. The gist of the address was how the student should employ and improve his time while at college; to think as well as to read; to acquaint yourself with the history of the past, especially with the history of the Jews. By pursuing the right course you can make college life the pleasantest part of your whole history. Look on the bright side; avoid the cane, the key and the pony; be independent and think for yourself, and you will grow and become manly, womanly. He expressed himself highly gratified with the evidences of prosperity in and about the college, and won the favor of all present. After the close of this interesting address he stepped forward to meet personally and shake hands with each of the students present.

In some respects it was a red-letter day to us. Many of the students had never heard the Bishop speak, others had never seen a Bishop, and others again, and indeed the majority of us, were delighted to hear him once more; to enjoy the advantage of his wise counsel, and to be impelled to go forward by his earnest words of encouragement.

The President's Office.

It affords us pleasure to state that Lebanon Valley College has now what it never has had but what it ought to have had for the President's convenience and its own credit ever since its establishment, and that is a well equipped and properly located office room in the main building.

As soon as plans were laid for the repairing and the improvement of the college buildings last summer the suggestion to provide for an office of this kind was at once adopted. Two rooms on the east side of the first floor were turned into one, the door at the south end closed, the new room repapered and painted, the floor nicely carpeted, and everything put in first-class condition, supplying it at the same time with appropriate furniture. The President takes considerable pride in showing this fine addition to the college to his friends, and we are not surprised.

Our College Agent.

For some time the college has been without an active and devoted agent, but the Executive Committee is to be congratulated now that it has had the good fortune to secure the services of one who gives every promise of efficiency and success. The Rev. M. J. Heberly, of Mount Carmel, Penna., has been engaged to fill this important position. Mr. Heberly is a member of the East German Conference, is about forty years of age, preaches in the German and English languages and has many of the elements necessary to make a successful agent, and we bespeak for him the united support and prayers of the friends of the college in the prosecution of the work he is about to undertake.

Our Boys in Conference.

It was a source of great gratification to the friends of the college to notice at Reading, on Sabbath morning, October 11th, that every member of the class ordained as Elders by Bishop Kephart was either an alumnus of the College or a student of the same at some time in its history. Of the three young men admitted on trial two were among the students—Messrs. Eshelman and Shaeffer. The presiding elder, Rev. H. B. Dohner, is another alumnus. The three pastors in charge of our congregations at Harrisburg are former students, two of them among the graduates. Mountville, New Holland, Marietta, Oberlin, Mont Clare, Springfield, Ruhl's, Union, Pequea Valley, Halifax and Annville are supplied with earnest workers and former students of the College. The following were or-

dered elders: J. H. Kurtz, J. Wagner, A. M. Hackman and H. Clair.

The East German Conference.

During its recent session the East German Conference held an enthusiastic educational meeting. The Rev. J. P. Smith, of Williamstown, presented a strong report on the subject of education, urging members and friends of the cause to rally to the support of our institutions of learning, viz.: Lebanon Valley College and Union Biblical Seminary. President Bierman presented his annual report of the condition of the college, and supplemented it with this interesting and stirring address. Rev. J. H. Von Neida, of Reading, very forcibly spoke on the needs of the college and of the importance and duty of giving it proper support. The presiding Bishop, Dr. Kephart, then took the floor and delivered the most excellent address in the history of education in our church, general and of the college in particular. The entire exercises were attended with an unusual degree of enthusiasm.

This Conference has given the college its unqualified support since its organization, and though operating mainly among our German brethren, who are proverbially conservative, has usually contributed a quota of students and financial support. Thirty-one fields of labor on its territory and these appointments are well sustained and supplied with a self-sacrificing and successful ministry.

Two of its aged members—Rev. Henry Shropp and Jacob Doerk—were numbered among the deceased brethren were friends of education and supporters of the college and the loss of the Conference their death is the loss of the college. Peace to their ashes!

The Rev. Charles A. Muto, of Williamstown, and Mr. Isaac Haak, of Myerstown, were elected trustees of the college to serve for three years.

East Penn'a Annual Conference.

This body of ministers and laymen, whose fields of labor cover a large territory of the eastern part of our State, just closed its annual meeting at Reading, Pa., a few days ago.

We are gratified to learn that reports from the various circuit stations were very satisfactory. Strong papers on the subject of missions, temperance, Sabbath observance, Sunday-schools and education were considered and adopted. A large vote the Conference decided

to constitute the entire Conference one Presiding-elder district, and the Rev. H. B. Dohner of Lancaster was elected to fill the position.

On Friday afternoon the interests of Lebanon Valley College and the Union Biblical Seminary were considered.

Rev. Samuel D. Faust of Harrisburg presented a paper on the subject, and President Bierman read his annual report of the condition of the college. This was followed by a warm discussion of the subject by Rev. D. R. Miller, Rev. S. D. Faust, President Bierman, Rev. M. J. of Mumma and Bishop Kephart.

This Conference is in the front rank in support of education, has had the College within its territorial limits, sends its quota of students to the Seminary, and now that it has a representative in the Faculty of the same, it ought to redouble its exertions at least.

Lecture Course.

We regret to say that a full announcement of our Lecture Course cannot be made at this writing. The course will be opened on the evening of the 26th inst., by Eli Perkins (Elville D. Landon). He is Vice President of the Corpus Christi Antauqua Assembly. His lecture is almost indescribable, as it is full of philosophy, eloquent oratory and stirring thoughts. Anyone coming to hear his lecture and will not take hearty laugh, he proposes to refund the money. The chapel promises to be full. On the evening of November 27th the Imperial Quartette, of Boston, will appear. They introduce mandolins, banjos, guitars, zylphons, songs, trick violin and trick solo playing, playing the most charming music with the most exquisite effect. This is the best quartette of the kind in the United States. Each is a soloist of ability. The three others of the course will be announced in our next issue.

Life of a Popular Young Attorney.
George J. C. Durr, Esq., a highly respected citizen and able lawyer, died on the morning of October 9th, at the residence of his father-in-law, Mrs. Davis, on Cameron Heights, of consumption. Mr. Durr was a native of York, where he resided for a number of years. When he was compelled to leave home and earn a livelihood. He learned the carpenter trade, and when he was 22 years old he entered Lebanon Valley College, which he attended two years. In 1885 he was elected a teacher in the public schools of Steelton, and taught a primary grade. In 1886 he was elected to the same school, and

was a very successful teacher. During the winter of 1886 he began to read law under Col. Levi Maish, of York, and later on he entered the office of McCarrell & Fleming, of Harrisburg. He was admitted to the York county bar in 1888, and admitted to practice in the courts of Dauphin county in January, 1889. After being admitted to practice in the courts of Dauphin county the law firm of Wickersham & Durr was formed. The firm dissolved by mutual consent about eighteen months ago. Last spring he was elected Borough Solicitor of Steelton, but his health failing him he was compelled to resign the office. Several weeks ago he visited Colorado, where he thought he would be able to recuperate his health. He returned three weeks ago in much worse condition than when he left. He was a member of Trinity P. E. church, Steelton Lodge No. 184, I. O. O. F., Steelton Encampment No. 278, I. O. O. F., Crusade Castle, O. K. M. C., and Susquehanna Tribe of Red Men. He leaves a wife and one child. He was a very popular and enthusiastic worker in the literary institute, of which he was a member. He leaves a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his loss. His funeral took place on Sunday, the 11th, at 2 p. m., from the residence of his father-in-law, corner of Third and Eleanor streets. Services were held at the Trinity P. E. church. The remains were interred in the Baldwin cemetery.—*The Call*.

Educational.

The new library which Henry W. Sage gave to Cornell University is finished. The edifice has a capacity for the accommodation of 470,000 volumes.

Prof. Roehrig, of Palo Alto University, can speak thirty languages. Brown University will receive \$70,000 from the estate of the late J. W. Smith, of Providence.

The Congregationalists are about to establish a College at Olympia, Washington.

Avalon College has had an excellent opening. Bishop Weaver laid the corner-stone of the new College building on the 29th ult., and all the plans are prepared for pushing it to a speedy completion.

The legislature of Maine has enacted a law which requires the public school teachers to devote some time each week teaching kindness to animals.

Winter X. Crider, son of H. M. Crider, York, Pa., has been elected president of Carroll Normal College, Carroll, Iowa.

The largest University in the world is said to be the great Moslem Uni-

versity at Cairo, founded 975 A. D., with its 10,000 pupils and 370 professors.

The Lutheran denomination has decided to establish a school of theology in Chicago.

Alumni.

S. P. Light, '80, a prominent member of the Lebanon county bar, has been honored by an appointment to attend the Democratic National Convention as delegate from his district.

William M. Hain, '88, one of Harrisburg's most promising young attorneys, has been admitted to practice at the bar of Berks county.

J. W. Owen, '91, is now working in the employ of the McKaskey Electrical Clock Co., of Waynesborough, Pa. While on his way to New York a few days since Mr. Owen paid his friends at the College a pleasant call.

Rev. Jos. K. Wagner, '88, and Miss Lillie Moll were united in marriage September 24, at Hiawatha, Kans.

Prof. J. L. Keedy, '89, made a short visit to L. V. C., this fall, while on his way to Yale, where he will continue his work in the Divinity school.

Rev. S. D. Faust, '89, of the Memorial Church, Harrisburg, has been advised by his physician to quit preaching on account of throat trouble.

E. Thomas Schlosser, '89, is stumping the State of Maryland in the interest of the Prohibition party.

Reno S. Hark, '89, is enjoying a month's vacation from Washington, D. C., rusticated among the sublime shades of South Mountain, Md. While home, he will render valuable services to the Republican party, as he has been solicited to aid in stumping the State.

George F. Bierman, A. M., Ph. D., of '78, was recently elected Principal of the Bernville, Pa., High School, and he has accepted the position. At the late session of the Berks County Teachers' Institute he was also elected chairman of a committee of three to visit Harrisburg during the sitting of the next State legislature in the interest of securing the passing of a law fixing a minimum sum as monthly salary for public school teachers.

KATAKEKOMMENA.

"Intellectual laziness is the prolific source of ignorance."

Water refracts light. That may be the reason why a trout seems seven feet long when seen in the water, and measures only about seven and a half inches when you get him in the boat.

"What's in a name?" We can't

just always tell, but the fond name, Sam, seems especially plethoretic to one of our juniors.

We would here call the attention of our friends to the rich treat that Eli Perkins promises us in College Chapel, the evening of October 26th. You should hear this renowned humorist. He promises to speak until directed otherwise.

Miss Mollie E. Church, a colored graduate of Oberlin, and now a teacher in the public schools at Washington, has been tendered the position of registrar of her alma mater. It is said that if she accepts, she will be the first colored graduate of any leading college to become a member of its faculty.

The President's unexpected inquiry at 11:30 p. m.—“What does all this singing mean at this time of night?” Student—“Oh, it's Rev. Artz trying to secure for himself the celebrated title of Night-in-gale.”

It is safe to assume that the man who is always eager to tell you a bit of scandal about somebody else, is always just as eager to tell somebody else a scandal about you.

The ladies have recently earned our renewed congratulations for the delightful manner in which they entertained us in their parlors, Saturday evening, the 19th ult.

The appointed time for our reception brought with it many cheerful faces, among them some strange ones eager to make an early conquest of that timidity that generally characterizes the new student. This we believe was satisfactorily accomplished; for as the various games progressed the one social spirit seemed to animate the very “wall flowers,” and cold formality was jostled and jolted at the cry of “Boston.”

At a seasonable hour, with pleasing remembrances, we bade the sisters farewell, feeling that all had been benefited as well as entertained.

What of the Winter? We quote the predictions of the Rev. Irl Hicks, the phenomenally successful prophet of meteorological phenomena. “We expect that very warm weather will run into September, with phenomenal extremes of heat and cold during the opening of October, but that the winter will settle down to business at a very early date, and that its increased severity will call for timely and ample provisions against it.”

A young man on down grade knows more than his mother; spurns advice from his father; is boisterous on the street; has questionable companions; steps unsteady at times; returns home late at night; is becoming unreliable in business; is involved in difficulties; has now lost reputation; has yet a few friends, but they are sorrowful.—*Era.*

Mount Gretna seems destined to become a modern Moriah. In acceptance of the very generous terms proposed by the park authorities to the Stoverdale Campmeeting Association, that organization has decided to remove to this picturesque resort.

A lease of commodious grounds for twenty years has been taken, and eight acres are being put into condition.

Cottages are being erected, and all things made ready for a grand opening session, August 2d to 11th, 1892.

As is well known, these grounds are centrally located, and with their excellent convenience, will attract immense crowds. The Association is to be congratulated upon its fair fortune and wise selection.

We are also pleased to note that there is in contemplation a project for the establishment upon this same mountain of an incorporated summer school, to be known as the Mount Gretna Chautauqua of Pennsylvania.

The project is receiving the earnest attention of an inter-denominational body of the most prominent clergy of Pennsylvania. It is thought that the school will be opened during the coming summer, and that it will be conducted on the same general principle of the famous Chautauqua Assembly of New York. The course as recommended will consist of lectures on philosophy, literature and science and questions of public interest.

A Building and Loan Association has been organized in Annville, with Prof. Deaner as President and A. C. Rigler, '70, as Treasurer.

A Chicago college teaches beer making.

The teachers of South Annville, held their second Local Institute on the 13th inst., at Mount Pleasant school house.

The officers of the district organization of the Bible Normal Union of the East Pennsylvania Conference elected for the present year are as follows:—Prof. H. Clay Deaner, President; Rev. E. L. Hughes, Vice-President; Rev. E. A. Bossler, Secretary; Rev. A. R. Myers, Treasurer.

The first musical recital for the term was held on Friday afternoon, the 10th inst. All acquitted themselves well.

The classes in Astronomy have begun the work of examining the sun with most satisfactory results. Thirteen spots were visible, three of which were very large.

There is only one man now living in Edinburg who knew Sir Walter Scott. This is James Stillie, a bookseller. “Some men,” said he, “are proud, but Scott was not like them. He had a kind word for everybody. He did not know what pride was. He

spoke to me as if I was his equal and he was a true man. He was a great man—a very great man, there'll never be his like again.”

Gen. Whichcots, the last surviving officer of the battle of Waterloo, died recently.

The Empress Frederick is expected to spend the late autumn with Queen Victoria in Scotland.

Theodore R. Davis, once the famous war artist of *Harper's Weekly*, now lives in a little cottage at Asbury Park, N. J., and gives his time up almost entirely to designing.

Bret Harte's English publisher last year paid him \$15,000.

Six hundred babies have been named Chauncey Depew.

Jerry Simpson receives \$50 each for his lectures to the farmers.

Edward Bellamy is a descendant of six generations of clergymen.

Blaine and Proctor are the only members of the cabinet who do not smoke.

Blackburn, Knott and Buckner three eminent Kentuckians, smoke the corn-cob pipe.

Gen. Lew Wallace is at work on a new story, but as he is an extremely careful and pains-taking author, it is not likely to be published for some time.

Sir Edwin Arnold is under contract to lecture fifty times in this country, beginning November 1 in New York.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Ed. E. Keedy, '89, and Prof. Cyrus F. Flook, at the Ministerial Institute of the Maryland Conference, discussed the question, “Is the World Getting Better?”

Prof. Cyrus Frank Flook has been nominated as a representative to the Legislature on the Republican ticket in Frederick Co., Md. As the nomination was tendered without any solicitation, and being an energetic and popular young man, he will prove a strong candidate. He was a progressive student, and we believe him eminently qualified to represent his constituents.

Rev. A. H. Rice, of Baltimore, visited his daughter, Miss Lillie, on the 22d ult. He conducted chapel services that morning, and spoke a few words of cheer to the students.

J. L. Keedy, '89, of Rohrerstown, Md., while on his way to Yale University school, gave his friends a short call.

Mr. Henry Saltzer, of Sacramento, Pa., paid his daughters a pleasant visit during the latter part of the month.

Rev. H. M. Miller was in Edinburg midst on the 25th ult.

Rev. J. H. Von Neida conducted chapel services on the 30th ult.

E. O. Burtner, '90, called to see his friends at school before leaving for Delaware, O., where he will take a special business course.

While the East German Conference was in session at Myerstown, Mr. Fahringer, of Centralia, Pa., and Mr. Henry George, of Montana, Pa., took advantage of their nearness to the College by making a visit to this place.

Miss Carrie G. Eby spent the 4th inst. at her home in Newport.

Miss Emma Dittmar was the guest of Miss Moyer on September 20th.

R. S. Horn and Geo. R. Bernhard, from Allentown, Pa., visited the College on the 5th inst.

Rev. S. L. Resler and wife, of Shamokin, in his return from the German Conference, visited Pastor Daniel Spayd and the College.

Rev. J. H. Von Neida, of Reading, conducted chapel services on the last of September.

MATHEMATICAL CORNER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Professor of Mathematics, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

The editor in chief insists on having something for the "Corner" in his number of the FORUM. I have lost the connection somewhat in the lists of problems and solutions, and have not possibly the time to hunt up, so I simply give one or two of the examination papers used in some of my classes. They are of course not given because they are difficult and are expected to "catch" any one, for that is not the true idea in examination.

But here follow the "papers;" we trust our friends will find interest in them.

ARITHMETIC.

Find the largest number that will divide 748 and 927, and give the remainder under 13 and 17 respectively.

The product of two numbers multiplied by .5 is .0005; one of the numbers is .05, what is the other?

Fifteen men and eight boys earn weekly \$342. A boy earns half as much as a man. What are their wages?

Find cost of carpeting a room 12 feet 6 inches long, 12 feet 6 inches wide, the carpet $\frac{3}{4}$ yard wide, at 75¢ per yard, stripes running lengthwise, allowing 3 yards for matching.

A and B are in trade. B owns the capital. If he had \$492 $\frac{3}{4}$ the share would be equal. What is the share of each?

Bold my horse at 40% profit, the proceeds bought another, which I sold for \$238, losing 20%. What did the first horse cost me?

If R. R. stock is yielding 6% and is 20% below par, how much

must be invested to bring an income of \$390?

8. What per cent. above cost must a dealer mark his goods, so that he may take off 10% from the marked price and still make 20% on the cost?

9. A ladder 52 feet long is set up square against a building, and is drawn out 20 feet from the base; how much is the top lowered?

10. Bought a field 40 rods by 60 rods at \$200 per acre, and fenced it at \$1.50 per rod. Prove that the land cost ten times as much as the fence.

Y. M. C. A. Work.

The Y. M. C. A. of the College has opened with prospects of a year of activity and usefulness. All Christian students seem determined to make this year the best (intellectually and religiously) that they have spent at college.

Several Bible Classes have been formed, two or three on social Bible study, and the other a training class. We hope to make this work very profitable.

We, as students, feel the great need and importance of Bible study. This study, we are sorry to say, is greatly neglected in most colleges of our land, and as a result the students are deficient in the intellectual grasp of the Bible.

Most students are deficient in Biblical knowledge when they enter college, and the defect should be remedied by making Bible study a part of the curriculum under the direction of a competent and efficient instructor, as some colleges do. If the college does not aid the student, as it should, in obtaining a knowledge of the Bible, some other means should be devised to meet the deficiency. This the Y. M. C. A. is trying to do. Its mission is a spiritual one; its object is to win souls for Christ and to develop the Christian character and manhood of its members by giving a proper opportunity for Bible study, as well as a religious stimulus in devotional meetings of various kinds.

The Social Bible study classes desire to study the Bible to know or to obtain an intellectual grasp of the Scriptures. This is a good and a high motive. The present age demands a more intellectual, as well as a more practical, study of the Scriptures as a means all-essential in the upbuilding and the maintenance of our own moral and spiritual characters.

The object of the Workers' Training Class is to lead the student on to a more systematic and thorough study of the word of God, thus by special Bible study to become better acquainted with Scriptures, and by

actual participation in personal work, he shall acquire greater confidence and skill in handling the "Sword of the Spirit" when endeavoring to win and lead one by one to commit their lives to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

It gives the student information on the make-up and general plan of the Bible, and lays chief emphasis on the methods designed to prepare directly and indirectly for personal work. To do personal work effectively, we must acquire a knowledge of important verses and know how to apply them rightly. Our success, as personal workers, will depend largely on the mastery we acquire of the Bible, and our ability to quote and locate the strongest verses in the word applicable to the case in hand.

H. U. Roop.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Clonian Literary Society.

Virtute et Fide.

Miss Lillie Rice had the pleasure of a visit from her father. The object of the visit was the celebration of Miss Lillie's birthday, Sept. 21st.

Misses Jacoby and Reider joined our number, October 2nd. The society has at present a membership of 28.

Miss Erb very pleasantly entertained her mother and sister a few days.

On Friday evening, September 25th, during the business session, we were very pleasantly surprised by the appearance of Miss Strickler among us. Doubts were entertained as to her return, as four weeks of school work had elapsed before returning to assume her collegiate course. The appreciation of her presence was manifested by the Clonians welcoming her with a hearty applause.

Miss Lillian Quigley, of class '91, and Miss Bessie Landis visited the Society. In addressing the Clonians Miss Quigley stated that she considerably missed the advantages and opportunities for mental improvement formerly afforded her by the society, and, although it is impossible to be present during all the meetings, she hopes to attend a number of them during the year. She further stated that every Friday evening recalls pleasant recollections of the Society work of the past, and creates bright anticipations for the society's future.

Miss Landis, in her remarks, stated that she found the work in which she was engaged (that of teaching school) very agreeable.

That the change from her prior school life was very appreciative in

one respect, yet she frequently desired to associate with the girls and enter into active society work. She impressed upon the girls the importance of thorough literary work, concluding her remarks by expressing her sincere wishes for the success of the society.

Miss Della Roop spent the Sabbath, Sept. 27th, at Lebanon.

Miss Dyer, State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., called on some of the ladies with regard to the interests of the association. Her visits are very much appreciated, as the addresses delivered by her are instructive and such as have a tendency to build up moral character.

At the request of a committee from the Philokosmian Society, the question, "whether it would be desirable to have a conjoint meeting of the Philokosmian and Clonian Societies," was discussed. The ladies heartily assented to the idea and are anxiously looking forward to the occasion.

The society mourns the loss by death of Mrs. Sue Thomas (Groff.) We feel that we lose one of our strongest ex-members. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to those who are bereaved. The society hall has been draped in a sombre color and each lady will wear a badge of the same color, for a period of thirty days, expressive of our grief at her loss.

Kalozetean Literary Society.

Palma non sine Pulvere.

It is with pleasure that we note the interest taken by all the members during the past month, the duties by each one having been well performed. Our number has been increased by two. Messrs. Harry Mayer, from Sacramento, Pa., and J. H. Gilbert, from Girardsville, Pa., have united with us. We welcome these gentlemen and hope they, through the aid of the Society, may be benefited, and the Society by their efforts receive some good.

The Gymnasium has been greatly improved during the last month under the management of W. H. Artz. The walls of the room have been nicely white washed, the wood work painted, the clothes press in the room has been neatly papered and all the apparatus has been placed in a good condition. The Society extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Artz for his successful management.

The following was the programme for Friday evening, October 2d:

Biography of Ex-President Grevy. Address—The Revolutionary period of France. Review—The present condition of Europe. Debate—*Resolved*, That England is more in-

debted to Gladstone than Germany is to Bismark for public service.

On Friday evening, September 11, Mr. C. B. Pennypacker, of Mountville, Pa., honored us with a visit in Society. He gave us an interesting address on "Immigration." Mr. Pennypacker is at present teaching in Lancaster County, Penna. It is his intention to meet with us occasionally and take active part in Society work. We hope he will be able to meet with us often.

Mr. Harry Mayer visited his home at Sacramento, Pa., from September 24th to 28th. He reports having had a very pleasant time. Mr. Mayer brought with him a box of many good things, and judging by the way it was carried it must have been very heavy.

Mr. J. H. Gilbert, from Girardsville, Pa., who had entered College and who had united with us, was called home by the sickness of his parents. We hope the parents of Mr. Gilbert will soon regain their health so that he may soon be able to return to resume his studies.

Mr. E. S. Feeser, who had been attending school, has returned to his home in Linglestown, where he has been engaged to teach. We wish him success. Mr. Feeser intends to return in spring term.

Mr. Geo. D. Keedy, class of '94, spent Sunday, Oct. 4th, at his home, near Hagerstown, Md.

W. H. Artz has been attending the session of East German Conference, which convened at Myerstown, Pa. He attended Conference as a candidate for admission into the ministry. We are glad to state that Mr. Artz passed a satisfactory examination and was recommended to the Conference for license.

Rev. J. H. Von Neida, who was visiting in Annville, made a call at the College and led chapel services on Wednesday morning. He was on his way to the session of East German Conference, at Myerstown. He was pastor at Reading, Pa., during the last year.

Philokosmian Literary Society.

"Esse Quam Videri."

The work of the society is progressing very nicely. Indeed it has been most encouraging thus far to see the earnestness manifested by the members. The programs as a rule are well rendered. One of the most encouraging features is the absence of trials for non-performance which used to be such a hindrance to the work. Of these there have been only one this term and that was excusable.

We were pleased to have with us on the 11th ult., Miss Annie Keedy

of Hagerstown, Md.; Misses Brightbill and Kreider and Messrs. T. H. Kelley, of town, and Wm. Hugg of Philadelphia.

The session of October 2d was rather an interesting one. The theme of the rhetorical exercises was Ancient History. The debate: *Resolved*, That the destruction of the Roman Empire was detrimental to the world's progress, was decided in favor of the negative. The visitors present were: Revs. Fridinger and J. A. Wiegand and Prof. McDevitt, who addressed us very encouragingly on the importance of the literary part of our education. It was very much appreciated.

It was with pleasure that we elected to honorary membership during the past month, Mr. J. C. Bomberger, Cashier of the Mechanics' Bank, of Harrisburg.

At our recent election, A. B. Kreider was chosen as the President.

H. U. Roop, '92, was granted of our quarterly conference license.

Messrs. Seba and Samuel Huber and H. B. Roop enjoyed Sunday, Oct. 13th ult., at the colored camp at Stoverdale.

Mr. D. W. Crider, of York, a founder of our society, was in town on business on the first instant.

H. B. Roop, '92, enjoyed the 27th of last month at his home in Hagerstown.

A. R. Kreider reports a very pleasant trip through Somerset county, with his father.

Geo. F. Unger, of Lebanon, an ex-member, has recovered from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Geo. Gensemer, '80, of Pottsville, made a business trip to town on the 19th ult.

D. S. Eshleman, '94, was very suddenly taken ill one evening last month. He fainted on the camp and from his fall sustained bruises on his face. He was confined to his room for several weeks. We are glad to see him about his work again.

Mr. H. W. Light replaced the college bulletin by a new and neat one. It is gratifying to see interest in L. V. C. manifested by our ex-members, and we are confident that it is always appreciated.

Samuel F. Huber, whom we recently initiated, had a pleasant time among friends in Lebanon on the 1st inst.

We are very sorry to report Geo. J. C. Durr, of Steelton, lying in a critical condition, to which he has been reduced by consumption. Durr was an active and valuable member of the P. L. S., earnest in the defense and propagation of Philokosmianism and a man of considerable promise.

The society is very desirous of

creasing largely the circulation of the FORUM, which has recently grown very encouragingly; in order to have a larger field and better means of diffusing the news and interests of the college which it represents. S. C. Huber, '92, was delegated in these interests to the session of the East Pennsylvania German Conference, which was convened at Myerstown on the 3d inst., where he was quite successful.

Horace W. Crider, '93, has been appointed physical director of the gymnasium for the year. His skill and ability as an athlete is recognized by all and gives to this department a superior dignity.

The "Depression" of Idleness.

One of the most suggestive and interesting of the papers which have been called forth by the present agitation with regard to the condition of our farming population is that on "Agricultural Depression and Waste of Time," contributed by President David Starr Jordan, of the Leland Stanford, Jun., University, in California, to the October FORUM. President Jordan maintains that agricultural depression in this country is due chiefly to the idle habits of most of our farmers. He cites as an illustration of this theory his experience one day when the train in which he was traveling stopped at a little town in Indiana, called Cloverdale:

"A commercial traveler, dealing in groceries and tobacco, got off; a crate of live chickens was put on; and the cars started again. The stopping of a train was no rare sight at that village, for it happens two or three times every day. The people had no welcome for the commercial traveler, no tears were shed over the capture of the chickens; yet on the station steps I counted forty men and boys who were there when the train came in—farm boys, who ought to have been at work in the fields; college boys, who might have been studying something somewhere, every one of them, instead of economics and aesthetics, calling them away from the station and off to the farms. Two of them attended to all the business of the station. The solitary passenger went his own way. The rest were there because they had not the strength to go anywhere else. They stood there on the station platform, embodied ghosts, dead to all life and hope, with only force enough to stand and around and gape."

President Jordan regards this waste of affairs as typical of that which very generally prevails in our farming districts where "depression" exists. He finds only one remedy for it and that is industry. Our farmers are "eternally vigi-

lant," he believes that they will prosper. He does not deny that the farmers are handicapped by bad laws and bad roads, but he believes that these evils are merely incidental and that they will in time redress themselves. There is plenty of food for thought in his paper, and no farmer in the country should fail to read it.

The Press and Public Men.

Is the press immaculate? By no means. Do all connected with it appreciate the grave responsibilities which their limitless facilities for reaching the public should impose upon them? Again the answer must be an emphatic no. Have public men no reasonable grounds of complaint? Undoubtedly they have. But the sweeping judgment which too many of them pass upon the representatives of the press as a body has in it the same elements of unfairness and injustice as exist in the wide opinion that public men as a class are corrupt. With the latter the exact opposite is true. As a class they are honest. So with journalists; as a class they are careful and conscientious.

The erroneous judgments of public men and of members of the press spring from the same cause; namely, visiting the shortcomings of the few upon the many. In the one case the fact that party men, as a rule, unite to shield those detected in wrong creates a general opinion that the class is corrupt. In the other the fact that there is too much toleration by the press of its libelers and sensation-mongers gives excuse to public men for their sweeping charges. In a word, the most effective foes of the press are those of its own household. It is fully able to deal successfully with all others; it should be abundantly able to crush these.—*Century*.

The Pleasures of Prison Life.

Here is a very suggestive passage taken from William P. Andrew's article on the "Increase of Crime by Reformatory Prisons" in the October *Forum*:

"Several times the prisoners have complained to the writer that the officers have made a mistake in copying their *mittimus*, and not given them time enough. Here is a complaint of this character last made to him: 'I have got but two months, and I am entitled to four. Please have it altered for me: I want all four months that I was sentenced for.' Again: meeting in a county prison a physician sentenced for two years for malpractice, the writer was astounded with this conversation. The prisoner was a man who had

been noted for his enjoyment of the luxuries of existence. He said, 'it is a great mistake you fellows make in thinking you are inflicting punishment when you send men here. I have been here a year, and can truly say I have enjoyed it so much that I shall not feel sorry if my pardon is not obtained. You see it has been vacation, with just enough to do to amuse me. The novels in the prison library are entertaining, and I am very fond of dominoes and checkers, and find some first-rate players among the men. Now, if it strikes me in this way, who have been accustomed to every luxury, how must it be to the poor devils who never have a square meal outside? Do you wonder that they flock by hundreds and thousands to the jails in winter? My only surprise is that you can keep any of them out at all.' This is the opinion of an educated man who has experienced the benefits of the system in his own person, and finds them 'delightful'—a life from which he is loath to part. But it is evident that it is far from the 'austerity and severity' which once did 'pervade the prison place;' and it will be hard from this to realize the good man's desire of 'impressing the prisoner with the idea that the way of the transgressor is hard.'

REVIEWS.

THERE are three articles in the *New England Magazine* for October, which will appeal to a very wide circle of readers. The one which will perhaps attract the greatest number of people—the general reading public—is "Benjamin Butler's Boyhood," by himself. The other two articles are more valuable, although perhaps not of such a popular character. They are Edward Everett Hale's "James Russell Lowell," and a pleasant and instructive commentary on Lowell's old magazine, *The Pioneer*, by Edwin D. Mead, the senior editor of the magazine. Dr. Hale is always interesting whatever his subject, and the fact of his having been for many years an intimate friend of Lowell's gives his essay a personal sympathy which no reader can help feeling at once. Mr. Mead's article is just one of those delightful papers one expects to find in going through a volume of an old magazine, and so seldom meets in a modern periodical. It is embellished with reproductions of several of the outline drawings and engravings which appeared in the three numbers of *The Pioneer* that saw the light. A fine portrait of Lowell in his study, taken a little while before his death, is the frontispiece of the number. Henry S. Nourse contributes an interesting article on "The Public Libraries of Massachusetts." Ethel Parton writes about Newburyport, an old historic town in Massachusetts, and the headquarters of American privateers during the Revolutionary War. "In a Corner at Dodsley's," by Walter Blackburn Harte, contains some pertinent remarks about the craze among literary men, especially English writers, for making booklets of their ephemeral

work in the newspapers. There is a good deal of candor in what Mr. Harte writes.

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The *Forum* for October presents discussions of all these in three notable articles:—Archdeacon Farrar writes "An English Estimate of Lowell;" Edward Atkinson on "The Real Meaning of Free Coinage Agitation;" the Hon. M. D. Harter, a member of Congress from Ohio, explains "A Plan for a Permanent Bank System," by substituting good State, municipal, and railroad bonds for Government bonds—a plan that deserves the attention of all students of finance.

Certain other subjects are always with us, such as Municipal Misgovernment, a remedy for which is presented by President Eliot; Prison Systems, about which W. P. Andrews, for forty years Clerk of the Criminal Court at Salem, Mass., writes to show that the "reformatory" system of management has doubled crime in Massachusetts; the status and needs of our Army and Navy, and Coast Defences, are explained by Col. Theo. A. Dodge and by Commander Miller, of the N. Y. Naval Militia; the agitation of State or Church control of Schools in the West is taken up by Senator Vilas in Wisconsin and Mr. E. M. Winston in Illinois; the lack of business methods by farmers as a cause of agricultural depression is discussed by President Jordan, of California.

Besides these timely discussions there are three articles "out of the common" in the October *Forum*—A Review of English writers of social verse, by the poet Swinburne; an explanation of the Cost and Uses of English Royalty, by Henry Labouchere; and an explanation of the Extent and Growth and Forms of Gambling, by W. B. Curtis.

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The opening article of *The Century* for October is the closing one of Mr. Kennan's series, and is entitled "My Last Days in Siberia." The promised article by Hiram S. Maxim, the inventor, on "Aerial Navigation," appears in this number. The paper in the Gold-Hunting Series is entitled "Tarrying in Nicaragua." An allied paper by Lieutenant Henry R. Lemly, of the army, answers the question of its title, "Who was El Dorado?" and corrects a popular misapprehension as to the meaning of the word. Colonel E. V. Sumner, of the army, gives a graphic account of the Indian massacre of 1879, under the title, "Besieged by the Utes." A paper of unique interest is Mrs. Joseph Pennell's description of "A Water Tournament at Martignes," in the south of France. There is also a critical essay by Edmund Gosse on Rudyard Kipling, which is in the nature of a review of his literary work in prose and verse. A portrait of Mr. Kipling is the frontispiece of the number. J. G. Nicolay writes of "Lincoln's Personal Appearance," and General H. V. Boynton discusses "The Relation of the Press and Public Men." In fiction, there are three short stories in addition to the conclusion of Dr. Edward Eggleston's novel, "The Faith Doctor,"—namely, "An Escapade in Cordova," by F. Hopkinson Smith, "The Story of a Story," by Brander Matthews, with drawings by Edwards, and a story entitled "Was It an Exceptional Case?" Apropos of Mr. Kennan's closing article, the editor prints a brief but significant extract from the preface of Mr. Kennan's forthcoming volume, by way of reply to certain criticisms of his papers in *The Century*.

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EDITORIAL.

THE Anniversary of the Clionians Thanksgiving evening promises

The first public rhetorical for the year will be given by the Juniors on November 5. One week later, the seniors will add laurels to their already enviable reputation.

REV. JOSEPH COOK will lecture at Lebanon, Pa., the 19th inst., on "United America." All who live in a radius of twenty miles will hear him, as he is the great-attraction of the age.

The Library has recently purchased the Century Dictionary. It

is a great work, being the most comprehensive dictionary in the English language. No library is complete without it. It gives a purely philological definition, yet that practical information so much needed. It is an authority on science, art and history. Classical students, in fact all who wish to become informed on the etymology of words and their relation, will find the subject carefully treated. The name of Prof. W. D. Whitney, as editor in chief, is a sufficient guarantee of the value of the work.

THANKSGIVING will be observed with appropriate services. We have many reasons for which to be thankful. Although there were many epidemics near us, the college has had no serious sickness. The religious influences have never been better. There have been special seasons of the outpouring of God's spirit. All friends should offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for the material prosperity of the college and for what has been done, as free will offerings, towards making the surroundings of the college so pleasant. Let all who profess God's name raise a prayer for Lebanon Valley College and for the students who are within her walls.

"OUR DUMB ANIMALS," devoted to the humane treatment of animals, is doing a grand work. It is educating the young in a spirit of chivalry and humanity which will tell in future generations to making all have a kindlier feeling for animal life. If "Black Beauty," a copy of which can be secured from George T. Angell, President, 19 Milk St., Boston, for ten cents, would be in the hands of all young people, cruelty to animals would be greatly lessened, and the many tortures to

which animals are subjected would be at an end. Young friends, and old ones too, write for that book. It will teach you not only kindness to animals, but those elements which go to make up Christian character.

THE students of the University of Pennsylvania are to be congratulated on their abolishing the barbarous custom of the cane rush. The athletic supremacy of the Sophomores and Freshmen hereafter will be decided by a series of games. The first to be a series of three games of foot ball to be played this fall. In the spring, there will be a series of three games of base ball. About the first of February there will be a bowl fight, by representative members of each class. There will be a regular organization, with specific rules and regulations. Each event will count a certain number of points. During commencement a trophy will be presented to the winner by the faculty. The trophy will be kept for one year, when it will be handed down to successive classes. It will hang in the Library, as a memorial of the prowess of the class. It surely is not manly to indulge in hand to hand fights and the many gross barbarities so often practised at our older colleges. The present age expects a different kind of chivalry. The many attempts to abolish these old time customs are indicative of truer culture and higher ideals.

IN the last issue of the *Telescope* Bishop Kephart gives a very interesting review of the work and condition of the seven conferences over which he presided this fall, and in speaking of the East Pennsylvania Conference and the College, he says: "The Conference has made very marked advancement in the last four years. Lebanon Val-

ley College is located within its bounds, and while it has done much for this and for other of the conferences in Pennsylvania, it is capable of doing much more than it ever has done, if its friends would only come vigorously to its support and put it in a condition that all its capabilities might be utilized to the upbuilding of the Church and the cause of humanity in general. Its President and its Faculty feel this most keenly and know they have not the support so necessary in order to accomplish the highest good of which a well-supported college is capable."

These words are to the point, and may we not therefore hope to see a united move along the whole line in response to them and crowd the college halls with students from all parts of our patronizing conferences.

How to Read.

There is much advice asked and given upon what to read, and it is a subject of vital importance to the whole reading public. Supposing it could be settled, however, in the wisest possible manner, the problem of reading would not even then be entirely solved. When a man or woman has selected the reading matter best suited to his or to her individual needs and development, the necessity still remains of so using it as to make it meet these requirements. Not only *what* to read, but *how* to read, should engage the interest of every one who proposes anything higher than simple amusement as a result of this exercise.

There is one habit so common among readers that it seldom excites comment—that of complete passivity of mind. It is a sort of luxurious indolence, in which the eyes wander over the page and the words make a vague impress on the mind, but all without any active energy of the mind itself. The imagination more or less clearly pictures the scenes recorded or the ideas suggested, and the memory more or less indistinctly retains them; but no demand is made upon the thought power for any real exercise of its own. This is usually the case with the voracious and exclusive novel-reader. The passive perusal of fiction is at once a relaxation and a stimulant, which, taken as an occasional medicine for tired nerves, fulfills its object admirably, but indulged in continually for the sake of the stimulus alone, to the exclusion of real mental nourishment is demoralizing to the intellect and the character. We do not here allude to the comparative value of

fiction with other kinds of reading. It holds an important place in literature, and will ever be a great power in the world; but its power for good will largely depend upon the way in which it is read. The habit of reading languidly and passively is one great reason for the floods of trashy novels that inundate the land. If readers kept thought, reason and judgment alive and awake they would soon learn to sift the good from the bad, the strong from the weak, and the increasing demand for the best fiction would soon diminish the supply of the worst.

It is not, however, fiction alone that needs to be read with mental activity. Whatever be the subject of the book, or the nature of the article in periodical or newspaper, if it is worth reading at all, it is worth reading well; that is, with the co-operating power of the reader's mind. Just as eating will do no good, unless what is eaten is digested and assimilated with the physical system, so reading can only be useful when what is read is mentally digested and assimilated with the thought of the reader. The only way to accomplish this is to keep the thought power actively engaged on what is being read. It is far better to read slowly for fifteen minutes a day in this manner than to peruse whole volumes, even of the best literature, in a passive, languid and unthinking way.

There are two extremes to be avoided in this mental exercise—the antagonistic or critical attitude and that of over credulity. Bacon wisely says: "Read, not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider." It is well to be hospitable to all thought, but in bondage to none. To preserve this balance we should cherish the sympathetic feeling when we read what is contrary to our preconceived ideas, and exercise our critical faculty chiefly on what coincides with them. If different parties and sects, communities and nations, would observe this rule, in reading of each other's doings and sayings, it would serve to blow away many unjust conceptions that now appear like thick walls of separation between them, but which would then be found to be mere cobwebs of the brain. Certainly, if to discover truth be any part of the purpose in reading, it can only be attained in this way, for truth is many-sided, and is never appreciated when viewed only from a single standpoint.

It may be objected that the mental exercise thus required would make reading rather a toil than a pleasure. To such as have only read passively heretofore this might at first be the case, just as a person who has grown

physically indolent finds brisk open air exercise disagreeable. Happiness, however, really consists in proportionate exercise of all the faculties, and he who persists upon his reading, will no more give up the exhilarating enjoyment that ensues than the healthful and active man would give up the pleasure of walking. There may of course be too much reading, as of anything else, and its natural pleasure may thus be turned into pain; but if proportion be wisely regulated, the action of the mind upon what thus passively received can produce pleasurable and invigorating results, while in this equipose alone reading can become the instrument of true culture.

"Ecumenical Conference."

It is universally admitted that the Methodist conference, which convened in Washington several weeks ago, was the greatest gathering known in the history of Methodism.

This great convocation consisted of Methodists from all parts of the world. Every denomination had delegates in attendance. The membership of various denominations represented in conference aggregated about 8,500,000. The benefits derived from such a conference cannot fail to be of the highest importance to Christianity in general, and more especially to the Methodist Church throughout the civilized world. Various branches of Methodism were brought together. It gave them an opportunity of seeing men who had done bold and decided work for the Lord. It encouraged them, strengthened their faith, kindled their enthusiasm. It enlarged their understanding of the better relationship between various branches, a better spirit, and as well the deeper sympathy between them, which will certainly equip them for greater usefulness in their respective spheres of labor.

The proceedings of the Conference indicate that there is a strong desire for organic union, especially between representatives of English Methodism. The proceedings also indicate that they were in hearty sympathy with the most advanced ideas of the place and work of women in the church. The influence of the ideas advanced on this topic by D. N. McKee, D.D., and Rev. W. McKee, D.D., of the representatives of our Church spoke respectively on "Woman's Work in the Church," and "Christian Work among the Poor," extracts of which were given in the *Washington Post*.

On Monday, President Harrison held a special reception in honor of the delegates to the Conference. The delegates desired to hear him speak. He consented to visit the Conference. In a clear, ringing voice, he addressed the Conference, declaring that every Ecumenical conference was not only a step in the direction of the unification of the church, but of the unification of humanity, etc. It is said the audience rose as the President departed, as it had risen when he entered.

One of the most interesting delegates of the Conference was on the platform of the press to the church, opened by Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, London. He said the press was the greatest engine of the world. The religious press should never be used for political purposes. Concluding, he said, the preacher had learned from journalism and "God taught that it may learn a little from us." United, we and the journalists may hasten the creation of that state which Christ is bringing to all lands, in which there shall be no room for, or sign of misery."

The three hundred and ninety-ninth anniversary of the discovery of America, by Columbus, fell on Monday 19, and it was celebrated by a special service arranged by Conference, and held on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Hurst presided and delivered a short address, followed by Drs. Carman, Stephenson, Earle, Johnston, Clinton and Fitzgerald. The World's W. C. T. U. presented a memorial to the Conference, asking it to issue an address to the world for the suppression of the street traffic. Action was taken on their reciting the continuance of the traffic, and concerning the immoralizing of men in high places. It adopted resolutions against the opening of the gates of the World's Fair on Sunday, and on other important ethical questions.

Week of Prayer.

The following are the topics for the Angelistic Meetings for young people during the week of prayer for men, which began Sunday morning, Nov. 8, 1891:

Sunday, Nov. 8. Disaster and Resurrection. Num. 21:4-9; John 3:14-15. By Prof. J. A. McDermad.

Monday, Nov. 9. Which Path are we on? Prov. 4:14-18; John 14:6. By D. S. Eshleman.

Tuesday, Nov. 10. May I Come? Am. Matt. 9:28; Luke 19:10; Luke 6:37. Led by H. U. Roop.

Wednesday, Nov. 11. Hope for the hopeless. Mark 1:40-45. Led by C. D. Needy.

Thursday, Nov. 12. Penitent and Repentant. Luke 23:33, 39-43. By G. K. Hartman.

Friday, Nov. 13. What is My Idol. Phil. 3:19; Eph. 5:5-6; I Thes. 1:8-10. Led by W. H. Artz.

Saturday, Nov. 14. Final Reckoning. Rom. 14:11-12; Rev. 20:12-15. Led by H. W. Crider.

Y. P. C. U. Convention at Lebanon.

The first general convention of the Y. P. C. U. of East Pennsylvania U. B. Conference was held in the Trinity Church, Lebanon, November 3d and 4th, 1891. It was a large, enthusiastic and successful convention. Sixty-six delegates of the various societies were in attendance. The objects of convention were to bring and keep the workings of the various unions in touch with one another; for an exchange of ideas; to discuss earnestly and prayerfully the questions of interest in the work pro and con, so that the delegates might go home and consider them, and discard that which is wrong and adopt that which is right in their society work. Important questions affecting the future prosperity of the church were discussed spiritedly. The convention did a grand work for the church in that it awakened greater enthusiasm and stimulated the delegates and workers to greater diligence and devotion in young peoples' work, in promoting the cause of Christ. Every Church should organize a Y. P. C. U. for many reasons. It is dedicated to God and humanity. It is making young people more and more loyal to our church, and we cannot say too much about it. It is adapted to the work it aims to do. It emphasizes the work of young people for their associates and friends. It is not simply work for young people; it is by young people. It honors the Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of God. It is emphatically a Christian union. It honors the Church of God which He has purchased with His own blood, and is part of it. It honors the spirit of God, recognizing that without Him we can do nothing. It honors above all things the word of God, etc. The convention urged the members of Union to be close and devout students of the Bible. We believe that the local unions should take up the special systematic study of the Bible, and that a Bible committee should be added to the list of Committees.

The convention decided to publish an eight-page monthly in connection with the conference, to be known as the Conference Herald. The next annual Y. P. C. U. convention will be held at Hummelstown the first Tuesday in November, 1892.

On these long winter evenings the pages of THE FORUM will help to while away many a weary hour.

Educational.

William and Mary College is 231 years old.

The Georgia senate has voted an appropriation of \$7,500 for the Girls' Industrial School at Milledgeville.

The University of Berlin, with its 6,000 students and scores of professors, has a capital of but \$750,000.

The Woman's College of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, O., has received a gift of \$25,000 from J. Homer Wade, Jr.

Gen. Alexander S. Webb, President of the College of the City of New York, has received a medal in honor for distinguished personal gallantry at the battle of Gettysburg.

At the meeting of the Delaware County Teachers' Institute, a plea was made for better schools, teachers and salaries.

There is a movement on foot in the Reading School Board to employ a teacher of cooking in the Girls' High School.

Sixty-three students are now said to be working their way through Yale College and paying all their expenses.

Mrs. M. H. Hotchkiss, of Lakeville, Ct., has given seventy-five acres of land and \$275,000 to found a preparatory school for Yale College.

Fances E. Willard wants to have a professor of total abstinence connected with the new American University in Washington, and proposes to raise a fund to support such a professorship.

The young ladies of Wellesley College are in a rebellious frame of mind because they are no longer permitted to use the phrase, "I guess so." In future they must invariably conjecture.

Sir William Turner, of the University of Edinburgh, who has made a careful study of the whale, calculates that one eighty feet long, in order to attain a speed of twelve miles an hour, must exercise a propelling force of 145 horse-power.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has purchased 150 handsomely bound Bibles to go in the students' rooms at Palo Alto University.

The youngest college-president record is believed to have been broken by the University of Utah, at Ogden, which has elected as its president, a brother of Congressman Dolliver, of Iowa. He is 24; salary \$5000.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen of the Lebanon High School have organized a choral society. Prof. S. R. Hoover, principal, will act as instructor.

In a number of the school districts in Lebanon county, the teachers hold monthly meetings and discuss such matters as have a tendency to promote the cause of education in the public schools.

Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, is delivering lectures before county institutes in various parts of the state.

Prof. William Huggins, the English astronomer and spectroscopist, thinks that a star is red, white, or blue, according to its age, and that the white stars are the youngest.

Miss Norma E. Crawford has had the offer of the chair of oratory in the University of Honolulu made her, and if she accepts, the Sandwich Islanders will make a great gain, and Pennsylvania suffer an equal loss.

Marriage Bells.

The marriage of Rev. A. A. Long, '89, of Highspire, Pa., and Miss Katie S. Reed, the accomplished daughter of ex-commissioner W. S. Reed, of Altenwald, Pa., was solemnized at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening, October 14. Rev. S. D. Faust, '89, of Harrisburg performed the ceremony. Miss Alice L. Kutz, '88, of Newville, Pa., played Mendelssohn's wedding march. Rev. Joseph Daugherty, '89, of Newville, Pa., and Benjamin F. Daugherty, '89, of Baltimore, Md., were the ushers. After the congratulations, a sumptuous supper was served.

The presents were many and beautiful, among which was a check, a gift from the bride's father.

Rev. Mr. Long and bride are now homed in the U. B. parsonage at Highspire. The college extends best wishes.

Lecture Course.

On Monday evening, October 26th, Mr. Melville D. Landon, *alias* Eli Perkins, gave us what was in our judgment the most interesting and instructive lecture that has been delivered here for some time. The audience was large, and if there were any persons in it who were not delighted they must have been few in number. The expressions that we heard on all sides were those of unqualified satisfaction. His subject was "The Philosophy of Wit and Humor," and was handled in such a manner as Eli only can handle it. It was a learned treatment very largely interspersed with witty sayings, and while the audience was royally entertained for more than two hours, it was instructed as well. The managers of the Lecture Course are to be congrat-

ulated for bringing annually before our college and town audience such excellent entertainments.

The following entertainmet and lectures will complete the present course, viz:

The Imperial Quartet, Nov. 27, 1891.

S. Gifford Nelson, January 15, 1892.

G. Murray Klepfer, February 17, 1892.

Charles F. Underhill, March 23, 1892.

PERSONALS.

[Any announcement of Personals in Society items will not be repeated here.]

Israel Erb, of Lititz, visited his daughter near the end of last month.

Mrs. Wedekind and daughter, of Lebanon, visited the college, October 14th.

Mrs. Bierman attended the funeral of an old friend, at Hamburg, on the 7th inst.

Rev. G. W. M. Rigor, of North Vineland, N. J., called on President Bierman on the 2d inst.

Mrs. Stephen Huber, Chambersburg, paid a visit to her son, S. F. Huber, on the 30th ult.

Prof. J. A. McDermad occupied the pulpit of Memorial U. B. Church, at Harrisburg, on the first of this month.

Gilbert A. Beaver, Assistant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., spent a few hours at the college on the 28th ult.

Miss Mary Erisman, a former student, is taking a special course of music at the New England Conservatory, Boston.

Miss Sarah M. Sherrick spent October 11th and 12th at Schuylkill Seminary, Fredericksburg, Pa., in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. work.

Rev. A. M. Viven, pastor of the Methodist Church at Cornwall, called at the college, October 23d, while on his way home from Philadelphia.

At the recent convention of the Y. M. C. A., which convened at Lebanon, Pa., Prof. Jno. E. Lehman was elected president for the ensuing year.

Prof. Deaner made a short visit to Maryland about the middle of last month. It was a pleasant surprise to his wife, who is visiting the professor's parents at Keedysville.

Rev. W. H. Lewars, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, conducted chapel services on the 7th ult. Rev. Lewars is an alumnus of Pennsylvania College.

Rev. M. J. Heberly, our college agent, has moved his family to this place. They are living in the house

on College Avenue, formerly occupied by Rev. W. H. Washinger.

At the anniversary of the Bible Normal Union, held at Reading, Pa., during the sitting of the last Conference Prof. H. Clay Deaner in charge of the meeting and president over the same.

At the last session of the Pennsylvania Conference, President Bierman was elected as one of five delegates to represent the Conference in the next State Sabbath School Convention, which meets at Lancaster, Pa., in September, 1892.

Rev. M. J. Mumma and family are comfortably fixed in the U. B. parsonage at Hummelstown. Two daughters, Misses Kate and Bertabli will continue their work in college. Rev. Mumma resided on College Avenue during the past two years.

KATAKEKOMMENA.

The Freshman class at Harrisburg this year numbers 383 men.

Brown University, of Rhode Island, celebrates this year its 125th anniversary by opening its doors to ladies.

The great bulk of alcohol made in this country is produced at Peoria, Ill. It is made from corn.

The hues of character, like that of porcelain ware, cannot be changed after the colors have been "burned in."

Simon: "Though all the world forsake her, I'll still *cling* to her."

A bill has passed the Georgia Legislature imposing a tax on bachelors. Under its terms it will cost a Georgian \$25 annually to begin bachelor business at 30 years of age, and on a rising scale of \$25 for every five years, a man of sixty will be to the expense of \$150 for the privilege of going without a wife.

The space thus far set aside for the World's Fair exposition is 25 times the area of the Paris Exposition grounds or between 700 and 800 acres.

The government agent of education in Alaska has begun the experiment of exporting Siberian reindeer into Alaska. To the inhabitants of these regions the reindeer is a very valuable animal, being used as draught animal for sleds, and is very valuable on account of its milk and skin as well.

O that our readers might have seen that panoramic view of the seniors (?) the evening of the last ult. Never again will such an opportunity be offered—say the lecturers.

"The sweet girl graduate is the personification of pulchritude."

sublimation of symmetry, the idealization of intelligence, the embodiment of enthusiasm and typification of tenderness"—say *The Educational Monthly*.

We extend sympathy to the students of Findlay College, grievously mourning because of a wide-spread calamity of their "Lady's Highness."

The time-honored festivities of the Halloween certainly have not lost any of their pristine interest to our youth, neither have those fond remembrances faded from the more aged mind; but in the same joyous spirit with which the parent entered into its social mirth the son and daughter, we believe, uphold its established claim to loyal recognition. By no means did our boarding students prove faithless to the occasion's demand, when upon invitation of the ladies and through the courtesy of our matron we had assembled at the lower hall and engaged in a real social "taffy pull." Several hours were merrily spent. True some sweetness was wasted on the kitchen floor, but it was economically collected by two of our Juniors, H. and M.

The 14th ult. marked another pleasant digression from the rigid routine of college life. The occasion was that of the annual chestnut picnic, which all are ever eager to like except as a hospitality from the characters. With the determination of advancing the standard of former years, the class of '93, by energy and sacrifice, afforded us a gala day indeed. Chapel services concluded

some general directions given, actually we embarked upon the carriers and sped, *mirabile spectu*, across the hills to the park of Heilandale, where all delighted themselves, as only the pent-up student will be, in the various picnic games, presenting an example of the inno-

cent spirit enlivened and reserve generated students enjoying the vital states and recreation "according to the states of their own conscience." Thus passed the day richly crowned with satisfaction and delight to all such high credit to the Juniors could but partially be expressed by the numerous congratulations liberally received. Thanks, thanks, in thanks, we heartily move a vote of thanks, and in behalf of wholesome, uncoloured rustication, we sincerely, and pray that the custom may be perpetuated forever.

As in any enterprise we may wish to undertake, it is only by dint of persistent effort that its success is assured. So is it in respect to the conducting of a first-rate lecture course. To select most advantageously from the broad field of lecturers and entertainments shall prove most satisfactory is

a task involving no little judicious skill. In this respect we are proud of the distinction our committee has already won by its selections. However the burden yet hangs heavily upon them. They need your assistance. Friends, philanthropists and gallant knights, arouse an appreciative interest in yourselves and bring your friends and ladies to the entertainments. Allow no opportunity to escape you for making the world better and happier.

A lovely woman, hearken to the friendly counsel of one, E. Irenaeus Stevenson, in *North American Review*! Do not use six-penny words when penny ones are your honestest commodity. Avoid the usually false, mischievous word "very," that adds so little to a clause. Don't forget that a sentence you begin must needs have an end. Remember that every time you use a misrepresenting word you are not living up to your highest moral and intellectual duty, even if you are describing only a bonnet.

MATHEMATICAL CORNER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Professor of Mathematics, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

The Examination Paper in last number of THE FORUM interested quite a number of persons, though not as many as we had hoped. We judge by the replies we have received. It may be, however, that many were interested who did not respond at all. The problems were all easy and the solutions received are all uniformly neat and clear. We give them below as nearly as we can in the order received. We again invite our friends to contribute to this department.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 1.

$$\begin{aligned} 748 - 13 &= 735 \\ 927 - 17 &= 910 \\ \text{G. C. D. of } 735 \text{ and } 910 &\text{ is } 35. \\ \therefore 35 &\text{ is the number sought.} \end{aligned}$$

J. M. GINGRICH,
Annville, Pa.

No. 2.

$$\begin{aligned} .0005 \div .5 &= .001 \\ .001 \div .05 &= .02. \text{ Ans.} \end{aligned}$$

No. 3.

Since 15 men and 8 boys earn \$342 in a week, in one day they earn $\$342 \div 7 = \57 . By the condition of the question, 8 boys do as much as 4 men; then 15 men plus 4 men or 19 men earn \$57 a day, one man earns $\frac{1}{19}$ of \$57 or \$3 a day, and a boy earns half as much or $\frac{1}{2}$ of \$3 or \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ a day.

J. M. HERR,
Annville, Pa.

No. 4.

$$\begin{aligned} 18 \text{ ft. } 6 \text{ in.} &= 6\frac{1}{2} \text{ yds.} \\ 12 \text{ ft. } 6 \text{ in.} &= 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ yds.} \\ 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ yds.} \div \frac{3}{4} &= 5\frac{5}{8} = 6 \text{ strips.} \\ 6\frac{1}{2} \times 6 &= 37 \text{ yds.} \\ 37 + 3 &= 40 \text{ yds.} \\ \$.75 \times 40 &= \$30. \end{aligned}$$

J. M. G.

No. 5.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{12} + \$492\frac{3}{4} &= \frac{7}{12} \text{ or A's share} \\ \therefore \frac{5}{12} &= \$492\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{12} &= \$246\frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{2}{12} &= \$492\frac{3}{4} \text{ B's share} \\ \frac{5}{12} &= \$1231\frac{1}{4} \text{ A's share.} \end{aligned}$$

G. S. FISHER,
Jamestown, N. D.

No. 6.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } 100\% &= \text{Cost of 1st horse} \\ 140\% &= \text{Selling price} \\ 20\% \text{ of } 140\% &= 28\% \\ 140\% - 28\% &= 112\% \text{ S. P. of 2d horse.} \\ \therefore 112\% &= \$238 \\ 1\% &= \$2\frac{1}{5} \\ 100\% &= \$212\frac{1}{2} \text{ Cost of 1st horse} \\ 140\% &= \$297\frac{1}{2} \text{ Cost of 2d horse.} \end{aligned}$$

J. M. HERR.

No. 7.

$$\begin{aligned} 100\% &= \text{par value} \\ 100\% - 20\% &= 80\% \\ 6\% &= \$390 \\ 1\% &= \$65 \\ 80\% &= \$5200, \text{ sum invested.} \end{aligned}$$

J. M. G.

No. 8.

If 100 be taken to represent the cost, the selling price will be represented by 120. As the selling price is 10% below the marked price, the selling price $\frac{90}{100}$ of the marked price. Therefore the marked price is $\frac{100}{90}$ of 120 = 133 $\frac{1}{3}$. Hence the goods must be marked 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % above cost.

J. M. G.

No. 9.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{52^2 - 20^2} &= 48 \\ 52 &= 48 + 4 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the ladder is lowered 4 ft.

R. H. WAGONER,
Westerville, O.

No. 10.

$$\begin{aligned} 40 \text{ rds.} \times 60 \text{ rds.} &= 2400 \text{ sq. rds.} \\ 2400 \div 160 &= 15 \text{ acres} \\ \$200 \times 15 &= \$3000 \text{ cost of farm} \\ (40 + 60) \times 2 &= 200 \text{ rods of fence} \\ \$1.50 \times 200 &= \$300 \text{ cost of fence} \\ \$3000 \div \$300 &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the farm cost 10 times as much as the fence.

J. M. G.

PROBLEM.

No. 83.

In turning a one-horse chaise within a ring of a certain diameter, it was observed that the outer wheel made two turns while the inner made but one: the wheels were each 4 ft. high and 5 feet apart. What was the circumference of the outer wheel?

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Clonian Literary Society.

Virtute et Fide.

Miss Minnie Burtner, class '91, at present residing at West Fairview, called on the Society on October 16th. In her remarks she expressed her appreciation of the Society's work and her interest in its welfare.

We are glad to notice a general revival of interest among our ex-members, as the Society has received letters from quite a number of them, containing encouragement and best wishes for the Society's future.

Miss Della Roop spent Sabbath, October 22nd, at Union Deposit.

Miss Anna Brighthill spent the 23rd at Reading.

Miss Edith Sherrick, spent Saturday, 31st ult., at Harrisburg.

Miss Kreider of College Ave., paid a visit to the Misses Grittinger, of Cornwall, on the 31st ult. Miss Kreider had also the pleasure of entertaining Miss Carrie Fox, of Hummelstown, on the 28th.

Miss Brighthill visited friends in Harrisburg, on the 31st.

Miss Eby, an ex-member of the Society, left for her home on account of ill health. We are glad to see her with us again and able to resume her duties as teacher of music.

Miss Ida Bowman was the happy recipient of a handsome watch, presented to her by her parents on her birthday.

Miss Mary Shenk, class '91, visited the Society on the 23d inst. In addressing the Clionians, she said she realized the importance of literary work in the society and felt she missed an amount of information by not attending the previous sessions of this year, but that her purpose was to be present at the remaining sessions. She urged the ladies to take a firm hold on the work and do it thoroughly.

We were much pleased to have with us at the joint session of the Philokosmian and Clionian Literary Societies, Miss Hostetter, who was visiting Miss Strickler.

The Clionians were much pleased to entertain the Philokosmians in their hall during the joint sessions of the two societies.

The program consisting of an oration, address, debate, etc., was rendered successfully. How pleasant was the surprise to us when a member of the Philokosmian Society informed us that we were invited to come to the dining hall, where their Society had provided refreshments. Gladly did we accept this kind invitation. As a Society we again desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the Philokosmian for the kindness shown us by them. We feel that on account of their presence with us the evening was spent profitably and very pleasantly.

Kalozetean Literary Society.

Palma non sine Pulvere.

The members of the society, with no exception, have during the first half of this term indeed worked faithfully. This must be said in order to do credit to the members of the Kalozetean Literary Society, es-

pecially the younger portion. The society presents to us opportunities which if heeded and properly used can not help but benefit us. But we are so prone to allow these opportunities to pass unimproved, not only those afforded in society, but those in general which would be for our own good. They come but once to us. "The mill never grinds with the water that has passed." Should we not, while we have these grand privileges afforded us, leap, as it were, and seize them, for unless we do they certainly will be of no value to us. No matter if a young man or woman is born and raised in the midst of school-houses and college bells, they alone will not lead one to success, but it is the opportunities therein afforded, which, if used to advantage, will tell in after life. It is our duty as students to make good use of the opportunities here afforded, for the days are rapidly passing by and our college days will be at an end, when we must enlist in the conflict and fight the battle of life for ourselves, for a great deal depends on how we made use of our time when at school. There are difficulties to be overcome, but these if encountered with a will, will add to our equipment, will prepare us for active service, and they warn us to be ready for all struggles which shall fall within our pathway. As the motto of the society we love tells us that "There are no rewards without labor," we can not expect to be successful unless we do our part with all the energy in us.

At the session of the East German Conference, October 3d, Rev. C. A. Mutch, of Williamstown, Pa., was elected a trustee of the College. We are sure that in selecting Rev. Mutch, the conference made a good selection.

Mr. John O. Mohn spent Sunday, October 11th, with his parents at Reading. While at home he also visited the East Pennsylvania Conference. He reports having had a pleasant time.

Rev. W. H. Artz, who passed a very satisfactory examination, and was admitted into the ministry at the East German Conference session, was appointed by the presiding elder of the East Pennsylvania Conference to fill a vacancy at Schaeferstown circuit. Rev. Artz preached his first sermon on his charge on Saturday evening, October 17th, the quarterly conference meeting being held on the 17th and 18th. This field of labor consists of five appointments, and this, in connection with his work at school, will be enough work for Mr. Artz. We bespeak for him success on this his first field of labor.

The following was the programme for Friday evening, October 30th:

Biography, Admiral Farragut; Address, Causes that led to the Civil War; Address, General G. B. McClellan; Reading, The Battle of Lookout Mountain; Debate, Resolved that U. S. Grant was the Greatest General produced during the Civil War.

The society is under obligation to the Philokosmian Literary Society for an invitation to visit them Friday evening, November 20th.

Mr. H. B. Yohn spent Sunday, November 1st, at his home at Moundsville, Pa.

Mr. Geo. Needy, class '94, spent a few days at his home near Hagerstown, Md.

Philokosmian Literary Society

"Esse Quam Videri."

Friday, the 30th, was the evening agreed upon for the Clio-Philokosmian meeting. The P. L. S., however, first met in their hall for the transaction of business.

In the election of officers Jacob Herr was chosen president.

Rev. W. W. Friedinger and Harry Heberly were initiated to active membership.

Prof. Bahn, ex-professor in Dickinson College, and Prof. McDermott were elected to honorary membership.

Prof. Lehman spent the evening of the 23d with us. Professor ne fails to give us inspiration and encouragement. On this occasion, pleasantly combined humor, commendation and advice, which enthusiastically received.

The society is disappointed in having members of the faculty do in oftener. We are never very anxious to be represented in their meetings, but we certainly would be pleased to have the faculty more frequently represented in ours.

H. U. and H. B. Roop and Eshleman witnessed the wedding of Miss Ella Deen to Rev. H. D. Man, at Middletown, on the 7th inst.

Howard Bowman, an ex-member, is at present taking a course at Toronto University, Canada, where he receives his instruction and for one year, free of charge, prize for his superior work.

S. C. and Samuel Huber, Roop, J. D. Rice and H. W. Crider enjoyed Saturday, the 17th ult., the South Mountains, where they spent the day in gathering chestnuts.

G. K. Hartman spent Sunday, 18th ult., at his home in Shamokin.

H. W. Crider reports a pleasant visit among friends in Harrisburg on Sunday, the 18th.

The Society has invited the K. L. S. to meet with them in the regular session of November 20th.

We are all very glad to have with us this term one of our former members, D. G. Kreider, who discontinued his studies about a year ago to enter business with his brother. He subsequently took a trip through the west, but returned last month having decided to finish his course. He enters the class of '93.

Rev. H. U. Roop, who has recently been licensed, preached at his home on the 11th ult. On the 25th, he preached both morning and evening at the Methodist Church of Cornwall.

Rev. H. M. Miller, an ex-member, visited friends here on the 28th.

James R. Stein, a former member of the society, who is at present a member of the class of '94 of Franklin and Marshall, spent the Sabbath in town with his parents.

Mr. Samuel Huber was pleased to have a visit from his mother on Friday, the 30th.

We were pleased to have with us in the session of October 16th, Mr. Geo. W. Stein, who in his accustomed manner made some earnest and encouraging remarks.

S. C. Huber transacted some business at his home from the seventh to the ninth of last month.

H. B. Roop and D. S. Eshleman presented the interests of THE FORUM at the conference at Reading, the 9th and 10th of October.

Joint Session of Clios and Philos.

About a year ago, on an occasion when the Clios were visiting the P. L. S., the *Living Thoughts* contained an editorial depicting the advantages and importance of the ladies' gentlemen meeting together in their daily work; there competing with each other as they do in the classroom, and as we see them doing every day in actual life.

The suggestion was again taken up and favorably spoken of at the H. D. S. visit of the society. But the first assumed a tangible form when, after some consideration, the P. L. S. appointed a committee to confer with the C. L. S., which action resulted in the rich intellectual and social feast of Friday evening, the 11th ult.

The two societies met in the ladies' parlors. After the election of officers, which Miss Shenk was chosen to read, a most successful program was presented.

Rev. H. U. Roop, being chosen chaplain, conducted the devotional exercises; singing a Psalm, and offering an earnest prayer for the success of the meeting.

The rhetorical program opened with a recitation by Miss Erb, who recited "Jean Conquest" in a very skillful and graceful style. Miss Bowman followed with an instrumental solo.

H. W. Crider gave the advantages and disadvantages of the society paper, opening with an elegant introduction scarcely equalled in oratorical effect during the whole performance, having brought down applause which drowned his voice.

H. U. Roop delivered a very carefully prepared and well rendered oration on "Educational Advantages," tracing briefly the history of schools from their infancy to their present wide-spread and salutary influence; and urging upon each one the duty of not only preserving to posterity, but augmenting for it, that which has been so munificently bequeathed to us.

Miss Wilson followed with a vocal solo, the words of which were composed by Miss Weinman, one of the Clionians, who may well feel proud of so accomplished a poetess. It was an erotic poem based on her own experience, and for tenderness of expression scarcely excelled by master pieces.

The referred question, "Should ministers shave?" was well treated by Miss Brighthill, who concluded that the razor was not condemned by any of the Christian ordinances and hence should be used by ministers as well as by all men at least three times a week; since otherwise they would certainly make "hairy" ministers.*

Miss Heberly recited "The Three Lovers" so successfully that the audience was almost continually convulsed with laughter. Misses Roop and Brindel then rendered a very creditable instrumental duet.

The debate, *Resolved*, That our System of Education should be entirely secular, was earnestly and ably contended for on both sides, and won by the negative. It was followed by a vocal solo by S. H. Stein. The paper edited by H. B. Roop and Miss Rider was then read by the latter. It contained many amusing articles.

The program was concluded with the body singing "My Country 'tis of Thee."

After appointing the officers elected as a committee to see after future meetings, they adjourned to the dining-room where refreshments were served by the P. L. S. This consisted of ice cream with an as-

* [Lest the wrong decision of so serious a question may mislead some righteous one we offer the following criticism: To all who are familiar with the ten commandments the invalidity of her conclusion is at once apparent. Miss Brighthill has overlooked that divine mandate which dooms the razor to perpetual inertness. Is it not said, "Thou shalt not Steel?"]

sortment of cakes and fruit, and of course some toast (s). Thus closed a meeting which is a step in advance for L. V. C. However doubtfully this scheme may have been looked upon at its first suggestion, no one present could help but acknowledge it a grand success. And we can not help but believe that our exercises always thus conducted would be mutually even more advantageous than they are at present.

Our Exchanges.

The October number of *The People's Educational Monthly* conducted by the faculty of Shenandoah Institute, Va., contains an excellent article entitled "Alleghany Conference and L. V. College." We heartily endorse its sentiment. If Alleghany Conference is as great a friend of education as it professes to be, why does it shift its support, every few years, from one college to another? We would suggest that it bear in mind the old adage, "a rolling stone gathers no moss." But, judging from the past record of the conference, in this respect, we hope to see, in the not far distant future, its return and coöperation and support of Lebanon Valley College.

The *Ossarist* is a large sixteen page paper published by the literary societies of Findlay College, Ohio. It has taken the place of the *Review* formerly published by the faculty and students. We wish the new enterprise abundant prosperity.

The *Asperus* published by Denver University contains a number of instructive articles, among which is a poem "I Doubt It," taken from the "College Man," which has amused our boys for some time.

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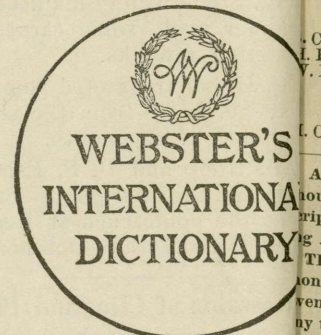
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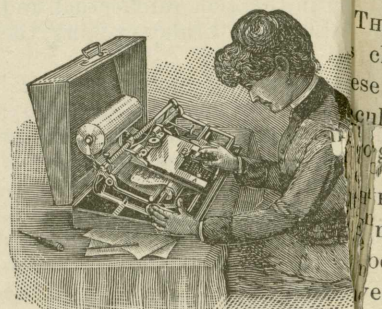
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EDITORIAL.

THE New Year reception will be held on the evening of January 9th, from 8 to 10.

THE excellent success of the musical recitals during the term is but other evidence of the thoroughness of the department.

THE Fall term is about coming to close, and while we are writing these lines, a Committee of the Faculty is busily at work arranging the program of examination.

THE University Extension course in English Literature at Lebanon will begin in January, 1892, and be offered by Prof. Wm. Clarke Robinson, M. A., Ph. D.

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"Be sure and remember that the best men always make themselves."

WE are proud of our new depot. It is a handsome Gothic frame structure, supplied with comfortable seats, well lighted, and heated by a furnace in the cellar. A covered platform extends all around the building. In every way it is arranged for the convenience of the traveling public.

THE Pennsylvania Chautauqua, at Mt. Gretna, has about materialized. Within a short time the charter will be secured. There will be a thousand shares of stock at ten dollars a share. The courses are being arranged and will cover about the same ground as that at Chautauqua. Accommodations will be first-class, and, considering the healthful surroundings, no better place can be selected to spend several weeks during the summer.

ROBERT BRIGHTBILL, son of Maurice and Millie Brightbill, passed quietly away on Thursday morning, the 10th inst., aged 2 years, 1 month and 9 days. Robert was a lovely child and beloved by all who knew him. The loss of such a sweet child was almost more than parents and grandparents could bear. It is hard to part with our dear ones, but what comfort to know that God has taken them to beautify heaven.

IF every friend of the college would secure a student, our halls would be crowded. If the securing of a student is not possible, you can turn the attention of young people

to the college and send their names to the President, who will gladly solicit their attendance. The sending of a name may seem an insignificant thing, but who knows but that may be the means of getting that one to college who otherwise may never have come.

THE time for squaring accounts has arrived. What anxiety till it is known that the credit side exceeds the debit. Failures have been made. Adventures have not proven as wise as they hoped to be. You may not have accumulated much. Your expenditures may have exceeded the receipts. With it all, you have many reasons to be thankful. If you are wise, you will get happiness from what you are, rather than from what you have gained. You surely are wiser for your experiences.

OUR beautiful town has made marked improvements during the year. A very good supply of spring water has been brought from north of the town, with sufficient force to reach the highest buildings in case of fire. The shirt factory, established by our own citizens, is meeting with excellent success, and receiving the universal approval of all firms who have patronized it. The electric railway, which unites us with the city of Lebanon, is perhaps the greatest stride towards progress. The advantages are very great, and much appreciated by our citizens.

THE attendance of students was fully up to the average of the Fall term for the last twenty years. The work of student and teacher will compare favorably with any term in the history of the college.

The order was highly commendable throughout.

The Winter term will open on

Monday, January 4, 1892, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the prospects for an attendance equal, if not above the average, are very good.

Nearly all those in attendance during the past term have arranged to return, and a respectable number of new students have engaged rooms.

With this number, volume IV is completed. We have been greatly encouraged by the noble responses of our friends. Our subscription list has grown, and we have kept our old friends, and added many new ones, whose friendship we trust has been mutually beneficial. The many kind words have been greatly appreciated. It is our purpose to reach monthly not less than one thousand homes. If any of our readers can aid us in securing subscriptions, we will greatly appreciate that kindness, and shall take it as an evidence of your deep interest in Christian culture and in Lebanon Valley College. This will make THE FORUM better than ever in its history. Besides giving full and faithful accounts of the work being done at the college, and of her graduates, there will be contributions each month on the various phases of our educational work, and on topics that are of a national character. The first of a series of articles on the money side of an education appears in this number, which is worthy of a most careful reading. We wish our many friends a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Dr. Caroline E. Hastings, of the special committee of Boston, appointed to consider the physical effects upon pupils of sitting sidewise while writing, reports that the committee can see no lasting nor serious ill effects upon the present position, and that the relation of windows to desks, and the style of desks in use, render it necessary for pupils to assume the sidewise position.

Clonian Anniversary.

The Clonians celebrated their eighteenth anniversary on Thanksgiving evening. During the morning flakes of snow fell; in the afternoon it rained. The inauspicious weather had no effect upon the faithful ex-members, as a larger number than usual was present.

The chapel was more than filled, as

some had to stand. The decorations were in accordance to the ladies' fine taste. In the recess, in the rear of the rostrum, hung their motto, "*Virtute et Fide*." The statue of Minerva, the Goddess of Wisdom, gave a classic air to the rostrum.

Amid enthusiastic applause, promptly at 7:30 the officers and performers were ushered in. The President, Miss Anna R. Forney, '92, in most fitting language welcomed the audience. The following programme was rendered:

Piano Duet—"Overture Oberon," Weber.
Misses Roop and Brindel.

Invocation—..... Rev. H. B. Spayd.
Historian—..... Miss Elvire Stehman.
Piano Solo—"Valse de Concert,"

Wieniawski.

Miss Annie Brightbill.
Oration—"Once Upon a Time,"

Miss Lillie Rice.

Vocal Solo—"Ilma," Ardite.
Miss Anna Wilson.

Essay—"Coöperation," Miss Lulu Baker.
Piano Solo—"Caprice," Rubinstein.
Miss Elvire Stehman.

Critique—"The Light of the World,"
Sir Edwin Arnold.

Miss Maggie Strickler.
Vocal Solo—"Hearest Thou?" Mattei.

Miss Carrie Eby.
Eulogy—"Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes,"

Miss Anna Grove.
Piano Duet—"Overture Rosamunde,"

Schubert.

Misses Baker and Bowman.

Miss Stehman was most happy in the pleasing manner in which she chronicled the Society's inception, marked growth and present attainments. Twenty-eight active workers are upon the roll, who discuss such grave questions as "Should Women Vote, Preach, Do the Proposing?" "Is Conscience an Infalible Guide?" etc.

Miss Rice very beautifully showed that one to keep apace with the present age must be progressive. The law of nature itself implies growth. Whenever growth ceases there is decay. A nation to be progressive must be extremely liberal or conservative. Institutions which have served their purpose give way to new ones. As with institutions, so with individuals; hence the great demand for new talents.

The essay on "Coöperation," by Miss Baker, was sprightly and full of good common sense. After showing it to be a moving force in progress, she showed its relation to capital and labor, and in domestic affairs.

Miss Strickler's critique was in many respects unique. The analysis was in the main careful. The criticism was timely and showed a familiarity with the subject.

Miss Grove, the biographer, was quite eloquent in reviewing the life and deeds of America's greatest self-sacrificing women. America, above all other nations, is blessed with intelligent and virtuous women. None ever presided at the home of

the Executive of this great nation with greater dignity and grace; never did more to promote virtue, secure greater honor and respect from the American people.

The music was so good that but just to say that all acquired themselves excellently. The success of this anniversary brings greater responsibilities if you wish to maintain your high standard among the societies of the College. ECCE CLIO.

Thanksgiving.

Again were we permitted to enjoy the pleasures and services of another Thanksgiving day. A day in which the regular routine of college duties were suspended. A day given to joyment—the meeting of friends, the giving of thanks for past mercies and blessings, both positive and negative. Union services were held in chapel at 9:30 a. m. Quite a number of citizens and students were present. The service was begun by singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Rev. Heberly, for a scripture lesson the 98th and 100th Psalms, after which Rev. Spayd, pastor, Rev. H. B. Spayd, in charge of the service, gave the history of the birth of this institution, saying that it sprang spontaneously from the circumstances of the times, and from their habit of unobscured gratitude. This service of praise, offered in our churches in our homes, has the same significance to-day that it had to those who first joined in its celebration. So long as the promise holds, and the seed time and harvest do not fail, abundant reasons will be presented to the minds of all why this observance should be devoutly and joyously kept. He also spoke of the President's message.

Rev. Parsons, of Burlington, Vermont, who is conducting Evangelical meetings in the Lutheran chapel, spoke next. His remarks were of devotion, patriotism and thanksgiving, etc. He said that in the United States they made no Thanksgiving day. Family reunions and large public celebrations were held.

Rev. I. H. Albright, '76, of New York, spoke of some of the reasons why we should direct our thoughts to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. In the full harvests of the year we could see the wonderful dispensation of God's power and beneficence. He provided for our wants, that we should give more of our substance to the cause of Christ, for it is He alone who giveth the increase. We could see in the fruits of the earth alone great cause for thanksgiving.

Rev. Lewars said that as a

peace is within our borders and prosperity within our palaces. The records of the year are unusually exempt from calamities that often fall upon communities. That while wars, pestilence, and famines have invaded other shores, they have not scourged us, not because we have not deserved them, but because of the Lord's long-suffering, gentleness and forbearance. He spoke about the troubles with Turkey, not roast turkey and cranberry sauce. Thus closed an interesting service with the benediction. May each returning year bring to us, as a people, a day of general thanksgiving and praise, and let not our hearts fail to pour forth gratitude and praise to God daily for all His abounding mercies.

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DOES IT PAY TO EDUCATE?

I. THE INDIVIDUAL.

PROF. J. A. MCDERMAD, A. M.

Almost every young man and young lady with a healthy mental and moral constitution, has aspirations and motives which reach out beyond the status of their present attainments and capacities. How to reach the acme of their possibilities and the full measure of their faculties and talents is to every one a matter of supreme importance. Between the actual possessions and enjoyments and the ideal prospects and visions of every energetic, ardent youth there is, and should be, a wide chasm. To cross this chasm and make the ideal and possible to be the actual and real, constitutes the master problem of every efficient career. It is in this fact alone that life reaches the true exalted height of its powers, the ideal of its visions, the goal of its ambitions and the consummation of its hopes.

Life stretches out before the eye of the youth in ever widening circles and increasing prospects, as he looks out upon the issues and events. It is full of visions, inspirations, expectation and aspirations, but is not itself a vision or a dream, but a reality, a solid, substantial, eternal reality, on which to the individual all other realities depend. To every one the possibilities and realities of life must come, and must be met for better or for worse, for advantage or detriment, for happiness or misery. The question now arises, how does education help the individual to meet these responsibilities and to achieve and attain the ends set before him. We answer that it does so by lifting him up to the full measure and efficiency of *all* his powers. The trite saying of Bacon: "Knowledge is power," is preeminently true. It is not something externally appended to man's condition, but a full and symmetrical exercise and development of those faculties which are inherent in the individual endowment and which, when properly trained and cultured, result in the highest degree of *power to achieve*. As we have said above, life is a reality, so likewise its accomplishments and acquisitions are realities. They are not the results of idleness or theoretical vaporizing, but of action, of continued, persistent, emphatic action, that action in which the individual himself is involved, and his energies employed. Matthew Arnold says: "Nine-tenths of all that men call genius is work." This being true, whatever tends to increase the individual's efficiency and to aug-

ment his attainments, thereby guarantees to him the highest measure of success, and makes his labors of the greatest practical utility to himself and the world. Cicero says: "If to native ability there is added education, there is wont to come forth something eminently unique and illustrious." Power lies in its inceptive state to a larger or smaller extent in every individual endowment and qualification, but it is the province of education to develop and direct it. If so developed it results in a fully cultured and disciplined nature which is God's greatest gift. Education is but the proper development and legitimate expansion of the talents which God has given to us, and which is designed to cause them to yield the largest returns to both the individual and the creator. But whatever increases man's individual usefulness and efficiency also in the same degree increases the value of his services to others, and it is in this sense that education should and does pay the individual financially. Educated talent is always at a premium. Improvement is the spirit of every project and enterprise of the present age as perhaps never before, and why should not the education and improvement of individual talent be considered as being commensurate in importance and even in financial value with that of all other species of improvement? Brain is conquering brute force, and intellect is subjecting matter to man in every phase and department of industry and progress; and man is rising still higher in intellectual ascendancy and conquest. This fact indicates plainly that man in the future is to sway the sceptre of his superiority by the conquering power of his intellect rather than by grosser methods of toil which characterized him in his more primitive state. This being true, it must also be true that his future condition and circumstances in life depend very largely on the proper development and use of his faculties. The world needs you at your best, either in the pulpit, at the desk, at the bar of justice, in the chair of state, or behind the plough; and he who engages in either of these pursuits with his talents well cultured and faculties and endowments developed is apt to reap larger returns, other things being equal, than he who does not. The world is full of examples of this kind, and we have but to open our eyes to see them. Many are the illustrious names on the records of history, as well as at the present day, who have risen from obscurity and poverty to eminence and distinction by means of a liberal education. Charles Sumner, whose name

stands as a conspicuous monument in the annals of American history for the part he took in the great cause of emancipation, was a son of parents in moderate circumstances. He, however, received a thorough education at Hartford University and Law School, supplemented by instruction from the eminent Judge Story, after which his magnificent talents soon won for him distinction. He rose rapidly from one position to another, until he reached the high position of a member of the United States Senate, of which he remained a member until his death. Another illustrious character and one that will live in the history of this nation is that of James A. Garfield, the statesman and martyr. Of him Lossing says: "Probably our country has never produced a more perfectly rounded character, physically, intellectually and morally, than that of James A. Garfield. His early years were spent in comparative obscurity doing manual labor in Ohio. His college course at Hiram College, however, gave him a start in the world and a consciousness of his powers, and from this period he rose from one eminence to another until he was honored with the highest office within the gift of his country." In literature the names of Bryant, Taylor, Emerson and Hawthorn, and a host of others might be mentioned, which shine as brilliant lights in the constellation of American authorship. The name of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is well-known to every one from the perusal of Uncle Tom's Cabin, whose pages so signally stirred the homes and hearts of the people of this country and others in the great cause of liberty and emancipation. This book alone brought the author such a degree of financial prosperity and remuneration as to render her most independent for the rest of her life. So we might mention hundreds of names in which education has signally and abundantly repaid the individual, and has a hundred fold repaid the sum expended for its attainment.

Our Alumni.

Rev. J. H. Albright, '76, spent a few days at the L. V. C. during last month taking examinations in the Ph. D. course.

Rev. C. A. Burtner, '78, of York Second church, also took a series of examinations in the post-graduate course during the last month. Mr. Burtner will complete his work this year.

W. H. Hain, '88, paid his "alma mater" a visit Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Hain is meeting with marked success in his law practice, at Harrisburg.

J. G. Keedy, '89, who is pursuing his post-graduate studies at Yale, is managing editor of *The College Man*, the organ of the University.

Rev. S. D. Faust, '89, pastor of Memorial church, Harrisburg, is now absent from his congregation on account of failing health. At present he is in Virginia. He may take a trip West, and spend the winter in Colorado.

R. S. Harp, '89, spent a few days with friends in Annville during his Thanksgiving vacation. Mr. Harp has been attending lectures in Columbian University the past year, and will graduate from its law department this year.

Rev. A. A. Long, '89, whose wedding was announced in our last number, was given a liberal donation, Thanksgiving day, by his congregation at Highspire.

Miss Nettie Swartz, '88, of New Oxford, Pa., spent several weeks with friends at Annville during the past month, and was present at the Clionian anniversary.

Miss Carrie Smith, '91, of Camp Hill, Pa., who was in attendance at the ladies' anniversary, spent a week with friends at L. V. C.

Misses Quigley and Burtner, '91, were among the many ex-members present at the Clio anniversary.

Miss Mary Shenk, '91, is at present taking post-graduate work in art at the college.

PERSONALS.

[Any announcement of Personals in Society items will not be repeated here.]

Rev. H. B. Dohner, P. E., of Lancaster, conducted chapel services on the 1st inst. Rev. H. B. Spayd, our pastor, was also present.

President Bierman was at Berne, Pa., on the 14th and 15th of last month. He was called there by the illness of his aged mother.

Prof. J. A. McDermid and wife visited friends at Gettysburg the middle of last month.

Mr. Kalbach, of Hamburg, Pa., called on friends here on the 24th ult.

Messrs. Whitmoyer and Wilson, of Harrisburg, spent a few hours here while on their way from Lehigh University to enjoy Thanksgiving Day at home.

Prof. C. J. Walters, of Highspire, enjoyed the recent National holiday with friends at this place.

Miss Clara Grove, of Coatesville, spent the closing days of last month with her sister, Miss Anna.

Prof. G. W. Bowman and family left for Royer's Ford on the 28th ult. The professor formerly occupied the chair of natural science in the college. The best wishes of their many friends accompany them to their future home.

MATHEMATICAL CORNER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Professor of Mathematics, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.

Some of our correspondents expressed a desire for "something to do" in the line of problems. We understand it as a gentle hint for something a little more difficult. We have not made the problem difficult because we do not want to puzzle. The object of the "corner" is rather to aid the teacher and encourage the average student than to furnish amusement to the specialists. We give a few in this number that may require some effort and furnish a little mental gymnastics. Now, friends, let us hear from you.

No. 83 was neatly solved, and solution appears below. The problem should have read "what was the circumference of the circle described by the outer wheel?"

SOLUTIONS.

No. 83.

Since the outer wheel makes two turns while the inner makes one turn, the outer wheel must be twice as far from the centre as the inner wheel. Hence, $2 \times 5 = 10$ feet, radius of circumference made by outer wheel, and $20 \times 3.1416 = 62.832$ circumference made by outer wheel.

J. M. G.

PROBLEMS.

No. 84.

Two horses are in strength as 3 to 4. How must their double-tree of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet length be divided that they may draw evenly?

No. 85.

Two men and a boy dig a field of potatoes for ten dollars. The men can dig potatoes as fast as the boy can pull vines; or one man can pull the vines third faster than the other man and can dig the potatoes. Now divide the money.

No. 86.

A river is running at the rate of 3 miles per hour, and a man spends one hour rowing down stream; he then walks by a semi-circular road to the starting point; if it be given that the course of the river is straight, that the circumference of a circle is $\frac{2}{3}$ of its diameter, that a man can walk 4 miles while he is rowing, and that he is gone altogether $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours, find his rate of rowing, his rate of walking, and the whole distance traveled.

The Nuptials.

At 5:45 Wednesday evening, December 9, 1891, amid the blowing of whistles, and the shouts of merry and lasses, the city of Lebanon beautiful Annville for his bride. "Hope deferred" had almost the most sanguine despair of ever being a nuptial. When the long-looked-for event took place, a happy union and join in its celebration. The twain is one. May's son in beauty grow, and dwell in perfect harmony and love.

KATAKEKOMMENA.

Thanksgiving in retrospect; Christmas in prospect.

One of our visitors remarks that Thanksgiving was an occasion of the "renewal of strength."

Young man, hold fast the potent scepter of social power (?)—a brilliant ring, an overcoat gorgeous in respect to a chequered interior.

Our genial friend, Harry of '92, leads in the selection of tasty ties—red, then blue, in loyal succession.

Brief notes from a diary: Chapel exercises Thursday morning; a sumptuous turkey dinner counteracts all ill effects of the morning's exertions; the delights of the evening are writ in my "soul's book of memories." Friday, by request, president grants a holiday; evening, grand entertainment; day closes serenely.

Americans shouldn't be too severe in their denunciations of Russia. We likewise are now endeavoring to coerce Turkey (turkey).

Take care how you arrange the worn finger tips of kid gloves when you are desirous of making pocket decorations of them.

The warmth of Sophomore zeal has kindled into that bright scintillating ardor that must reflect terror into the hearts of rival classes. Their newly adopted colors of lilac and lavender were tastefully chosen.

What barber so inhuman as to turn so *exordine* the few flaxen *crines* of one of our youths?

The entertainment given here on the 25th ult. by the Imperial Quartet of Boston added new trophies to the splendid reputation they so well merit. The highest appreciation of the audience was evinced by a lively enthusiasm and repeated encoring.

The Exposition Committee on Electricity have decided to place above the entrance of the electricity building the name of all the prominent electricians except those now living. Franklin will head the list of forty-one names.

It is estimated that the American people pay annually for coffee \$65,000,000, \$13,000,000 of which are paid for roasted and ground peas, beans, rye or a manufactured article in no way resembling the Brazilian berry. This is in addition to the amount paid for the so-called coffee substitutes, estimated at \$12,000,000.

The bee, it is said, can draw twenty times its own weight and fly four miles an hour.

"Can't thou guide Arcturus with May's sons?" Dr. Elkin, the astronomer of Yale, by a long series of observation on its parallax, has con-

cluded that it moves with a velocity of 381 miles per second. That is, between two ticks of a watch it would travel the distance between London and Edinborough. He also finds that its light traveling 19,000 miles per second, reaches us in 181 years.

Notwithstanding the apparent monopoly and exorbitancy of price allowed the patentee, Edison sincerely declares that he believes that he would be \$600,000 "better off" had he never taken out a single patent. The inventions of merit, he says, are always stolen, and litigations are prolonged by means of legal artifice and the crowded dockets of the courts until the infringer has made his fortune.

A commission of French architects and archaeologists has been appointed to explore Sardis, the capital of ancient Lydia and residence of the wealthy Croesus.

It is said that the royalties from the sale of Moody and Sankey's famous Gospel Hymns have amounted to \$1,200,000, all of which has been devoted to charitable purposes.

Foot ball accidents or, properly speaking, the more unpleasant concomitants of the game, are very popular at this season. Fortunately our students are "not in it."

News from the *College Man*: The college men of the United States are but a small fraction of one per cent. of the voters, yet they hold 58 per cent. of the highest offices.

The Freshman class at Princeton numbers 325.

American colleges derive about two-fifths of their income from students, while English universities only one-tenth from the same source.

An examination in gymnastics is now required of Johns-Hopkins undergraduates before a degree is conferred.

The Italian government has ordered English to be added to the courses of all its colleges.

William Astor has promised \$1,000,000 to endow a negro university in Oklahoma.

Of the late Bishop Ames the following anecdote is told: While presiding bishop over a certain conference in the West a member began a tirade against universities and education, thanking God that he had never been corrupted by contact with a college. After proceeding thus for a few minutes, the Bishop interrupted with the question: "Do I understand that the brother thanks God for his ignorance?" "Well, yes," was the answer, "you can put it that way if you want to." "Well, all I have to say," said the Bishop in his sweet, musical tone, "all that I have to say is that the brother has a good deal to thank God for."

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Clonian Literary Society.

Virtute et Fide.

Miss Stehman spent Sabbath, November 1st, at her home.

Miss Maggie Baltzell, of Reading, being at Lebanon in the interest of the Y. P. C. U., paid a visit to Miss Della Roop, November 4th.

Miss Lillian Quigley, class '91, also having attended the Y. P. C. U., at Lebanon, called on Miss Weinman.

Miss Bertha Ranck, of Lebanon, spent Sabbath, November 8th, among friends in the Hall.

Misses Weinman, Strickler, Baker and Roof, spent Tuesday, November 3d, at Lebanon.

We were much grieved to part with Miss Klinger from our number, as she was obliged to return to her home on account of ill health. Having always been a zealous worker, we naturally feel that her absence is a loss to the society. We hope she is improving in health.

The Misses Mumma, on account of the removal of their parents to Hummelstown, have engaged rooms in the Ladies' Hall for the remainder of the year.

Miss King, who recently joined the society, has left for her home, to remain, as she is unable to follow literary pursuits on account of failing health.

We were pleased to have with us Messrs. S. C. Huber, S. Huber, Stein, Scot, Yohn and D. G. Kreider, during the session of society, November 13th. Among the interesting subjects on the program for the evening was a discussion, Resolved, That Divorce is justifiable. The debate, Resolved, That Love is mightier than Money, was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Kreider, of College Avenue, spent the evening of November 17th in Hummelstown, at a party given by Miss Fox. Miss Kreider enjoyed a visit from Miss Fox, November 26.

Miss Ida Bowman, treasurer of the C. L. S., left this place in company with her parents for Royer's Ford, on Friday, November 27th. We are sorry she could not remain among us, as we need active and earnest workers, like her, in the society. We had hoped to persuade her to remain by presenting to her the advantages afforded her by completing her musical course this year, which she was capable of doing, but such inducements appeared of no avail, as she thought it advisable to accompany her parents. She expects to continue her studies in the High School of that place.

The C. L. S. held its eighteenth anniversary, November 26th. The College Chapel was filled with people, which was very encouraging to the speakers. The exercises were apparently enjoyed by every one. Amidst congratulations and best wishes for the society, new resolutions were made by some to put forth more earnest endeavors to advance the interests of the society.

Miss Nettie Swartz, class '88, spent some time in visiting Miss Shenk. She is at present engaged in teaching music at her home in New Oxford.

Miss Burtner, class '91, enjoyed a few days visiting Miss Wolf.

Miss Stehman pleasantly entertained her sister a few days.

Miss Carrie Smith, class '91, spent a week with Miss Ella Saylor, an ex-member of the society.

Miss Mohn, a former member of the C. L. S., who was present at the Clonian anniversary, visited her aunt, Mrs. Behm, on College Avenue.

We were much pleased to notice among the ex-members present at the C. L. S. anniversary, Misses Mysser, Quigley and Landis.

Miss Anna Grove had the pleasure of a visit from her sister, November 26th.

Kalozetean Literary Society.

Palma non sine Pulvere.

The society is always glad to have their friends visit the sessions of the society. It afforded us great pleasure to have with us, on Friday evening, November 6th, Misses Dittmar, Stehman, Strickler and Weinman, also Prof. Lehman. The Professor in his pleasant manner spoke very encouraging to the society. We repeat that we always welcome our friends to spend an evening with us in our society work, for we believe that thereby the society always is benefited. The encouragement which they bring with them has power. To the ladies and the professor and others, we would say, come and see us often.

Messrs. Scott, Needy, Yohn and the writer had the pleasure of listening to an interesting lecture by the Rev. Joseph Cook, on Thursday evening, November 19th, at Lebanon, his subject being "Ultimate America."

As was stated in a former number, the society was extended an invitation to meet with the Philokosmian Literary Society on Friday evening, November 20th. The evening was pleasantly and profitably spent.

There was no session of society, Friday, November 27th, owing to

the concert given by the "Imperial Quartette," which was indeed enjoyed by all.

Mr. Jno. A. Shoemaker spent a few days at the college visiting friends. While here he enjoyed the exercises of the anniversary of the Clonians on Thanksgiving Day evening. He made a short visit to Philadelphia, after which he left for his place of business in Pittsburgh.

We are glad to say that our brother, Rev. W. H. Artz, is meeting with grand success on his charge. Up to the present writing there have been five or six conversions on one of the appointments. We wish Bro. Artz success.

The following topics were discussed in regular meeting, December 4th: "The Revolting States of South America;" "The Food Supply of the Future;" "The Development of the Chinese Empire." Debate—Resolved, That England is largely responsible for the present condition of China.

Philokosmian Literary Society.

"Esse Quam Videri."

J. D. Rice has been suffering with a boil on his neck.

R. S. Harp, '89, of Washington, D. C., spent Thanksgiving with friends in town.

W. M. Hain, '88, of Harrisburg, was here to the Clonian anniversary on the 26th ult.

C. E. Geyer, '82, of Catawissa, spent several days of last month in Philadelphia in the interest of his clients.

J. F. Milliken and E. E. Cranmer, both of the class of '83, have started a partnership law office in Pittsburg, with very favorable signs of success.

J. R. Wallace is spending his Saturdays very pleasantly at the dentist's.

S. C. and S. F. Huber, D. G. Kreider and S. F. Stein enjoyed Friday, the 13th ult., with the C. L. S., our session having been postponed in favor of the prayer meetings which were then in progress.

We were favored in our session of the 6th ult. by the presence of Miss Sherrick, with her niece, Miss Baker, and Miss Rice, Samuel Cottrell, an ex-member, Rev. Wiegand, Warren Henry and Arthur Beaver, who dropped in upon us unexpectedly. Visitors are always welcome to the rhetorical exercises of the P. L. S.

The evening sessions of the County Institute were well attended by the members. Quite a number heard the Walter Emerson Concert Company on the 18th, and on the following evening, Joseph Cook on "Ulti-

mate America." The modern Sociates entertained and taught his audience for two hours in the grandest style. He pointed out the inexhaustible resources of our country with its advantages over other nations in climate, in fertility of soil—due to the number and location of our mountain ranges—in the race which was to develop it, and the consequent prospects for the future—but as well, the dangers which threatened the realization of this glorious end—corrupt politics, etc.—and finally the means of overcoming them. The church, education and the State form a tripod, each one being essential to the existence of the other two. The salvation of the country depends on the diffusion of (1) liberty; (2) education; (3) property, and (4) conscientiousness.

The society had invited the Faculty and K. L. S. to meet with them on the 20th ult. The program consisted of interesting biographies of Greek philosophers and heroes; productions on the literary works and characteristic traits of Greek life. The debate, "Resolved, That the Stoic system of philosophy approached more nearly the truth than the Epicurean," was won by the affirmative.

The Faculty on this occasion consisted of the President and his wife, and Prof. Lehman and his wife. Mr. George W. Stein, of town, and Mr. Forney, of Burlington, Iowa, were also present.

The Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer for young men was observed by us. Our Y. M. C. and Y. W. C. A. united their efforts.

The programme printed in our issue was followed. The meetings were very well attended. Collected spirit was manifested in a laudable degree in our midst. Teachers and students were praying and laboring, to lead those of our number who know nothing of the great love of God to Christ, the Divine Son, to God.

One soul was led to Christ. He formed a saving acquaintance with Him. This alone rewards us who are interested in the salvation of the unconverted associates for the effect of God's Word says that there is no time joy in Heaven over one sinner who repenteth than over ninety and just persons who need no repentance and that a soul is of infinitely more value than a world or a universe of worlds.

All who professed to be Christians were strengthened specially in our Christian warfare.

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Junior Rhetorical.

The first division of Prof. Deane's class held public exercises on December 5. The program was as follows:

- Duet—Dames Seville, Schubert
Misses Stehman and Roop.
Invocation..... Rev. H. B. Spayd
Solo—Dolly's Revenge, Pontet
Miss Carrie G. Eby.
Essay—"The Shadows We Cast,"
Miss Della Roop.
Oration—"The Child of Sun and Showers," Miss Minnie Weinman
Solo—Polonaise, Chopin
Miss Lulu Baker.
Essay—"All Aboard,"
Miss Catharine Mumma.
Oration—"Individuality,"
Horace W. Crider.
Solo—Ah! When Thine Eyes of
Azure, Lassen
Miss Anna Wilson.
Essay—"Advantages of Co-Education,"
Miss Florence Brindel.
Oration—"The Golden Age,"
Samuel T. Meyer.
Quartet—Dickory, Dickory, Dock,
Misses Wilson, Mumma, and Messrs. H.
W. Crider and D. G. Kreider.

All did well. The performers were timely and up to the high standard of former years. The class furnished the music, which was an innovation that was much enjoyed.

Notice.

I am now ready to mail printed information about, and also questions for the annual examination on the International lessons for 1892. All Superintendents of schools should, as soon as possible, tell me how many copies they will want respectively, naming the number in each grade Senior, for those over, and Junior for those under, fifteen years of age. I am confident that all who took the examination last year will desire to this year also, and also a multitude of others. The questions for examination are selected from the questions in the last year's review exercises as they appeared in the Bible Lesson quarterly, and will therefore be quite easy. No one should miss it. Also all material necessary to the Department of the Sunday-School is now ready, and should be ordered from me. Have all preparations made and be ready to open the department with the beginning of the new year. Hence, lose no time in sending for material and information if desired. Ask your minister about it. Blanks have already been sent all traveling ministers whose addresses could be obtained.

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REVIEWS.

THE second part of Mr. James's "Chaparron" opens the *Atlantic Monthly* for December, and is another of the odd but clever stories with which Mr. James is fond of quizzing the public. This is followed by a paper (to be the first of a series of such articles) on "Joseph Severn and his Correspondents." The correspondents are Richard Westmacott, the painter, George Richmond, the painter, and others; but the most interesting letter of the series is from John Ruskin, giving his first impressions of Venice. One quotation is characteristic, and not without truth: "I saw," says Mr. Ruskin, "what the world is coming to. We shall put it into a chain armor of railroad, and then everybody will go everywhere every day, until every place is like every other place; and then when they are tired of changing stations and police they will congregate in knots in great cities, which will consist of club-houses, coffee-houses, and newspaper offices; the churches will be turned into assembly rooms; and people will eat, sleep, and gamble to their graves." There are also quotations from Severn's own correspondence, and three or four letters from Mr. Seymour Kirkup.

Miss Harriet Waters Preston and Miss Louise Dodge have a paper on "A Torch Bearer," the torch bearer in this instance being the Abbot of Ferrières, by name Servatus Lupus. There is a short story of Italian life by Harriet Lewis Bradley; Professor A. V. G. Allen writes sympathetically of "The Transition of New England Theology," a paper which is based on the teachings of Dr. Hopkins; and Mr. Lafcadio Hearn continues his Japanese sketches in a paper on "The Most Ancient Shrine of Japan," a shrine never before visited by a foreigner, and the treasures of which Mr. Lafcadio Hearn describes with his usual vivid color. Miss Repplier has a paper on "The Praises of War," and tells about the poets who have sung them, giving quotations from some of the most stirring war ballads and war songs which celebrate "the deeds that belong to all ages and all nations, a heritage for every man who walks this troubled earth." There is a paper by Professor Charles H. Moore, of Cambridge, on "The Modern Art of Painting in France," and a most valuable essay on "Richard Third" by the late James Russell Lowell,—an essay which, it will be remembered, was read some years ago at Chicago, but which has never before been printed. "American Characters in German Fiction," "Recent Dante Literature," three sonnets on London and Oxford, and the Reviews close the number.

The editor announces for the January number the beginning of a serial entitled "Don Orsino," by F. Marion Crawford, author of "San Ilario," "Saracinesca," etc., and an article by Henry James on Lowell's London Life.

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THE CENTURY.—That great American periodical, *The Century*, is going to outdo its own unrivaled record in its programme for 1892, and as many of its new features began with the November number, new readers should commence with that issue.

In this number are the opening chapters of "The Naulahka," a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Plain Tales from the Hills," written in

collaboration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he in search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulahka" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventures at the court of an Indian maharajah. Besides this, *The Century* will print three other novels during the year, and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist Edgar W. Nye ("Bill Nye") is to write a series of amusing sketches which he calls his "autobiographies," the first one of which, "The Autobiography of a Justice of the Peace," is in November. This number also contains a valuable and suggestive article on "The Food-Supply of the Future," which every farmer should read, to be followed by a number of others of great practical value to farmers, treating especially of the relations of the Government to the farmer, what it is doing and what it should do. This series will include contributions from officers of the Department of Agriculture, and other well-known men will discuss "The Farmer's Discontent," "Coöperation," etc., etc.

A celebrated Spanish writer is to furnish a "Life of Columbus," which will be brilliantly illustrated, and the publishers of *The Century* have arranged with the managers of the World's Fair to print articles on the buildings, etc.

One of the novels to appear in 1892 is a Story of New York Life, by the author of "Anglomaniacs," and the magazine will contain a great deal about the metropolis during the year—among other things a series of illustrated articles on "The Jews in New York." In November is an illustrated description of "The Players' Club," founded by Edwin Booth, and one of the features of the splendidly illustrated Christmas (December) number is an article on "The Bowery."

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The Committee on Course of Study of the Newport, Ky., schools recently considered the question of the introduction of German in the schools. One thousand three hundred and seventy-five replies were received to the cards sent out by the committee to ascertain the sentiment of the parents in regard to the subject; 1,050 of the replies were in favor and 325 against, which practically settles the matter, as the board will be guided almost entirely by the report of the committee. There will be an informal meeting of the board at an early date, when the matter will be thoroughly discussed.

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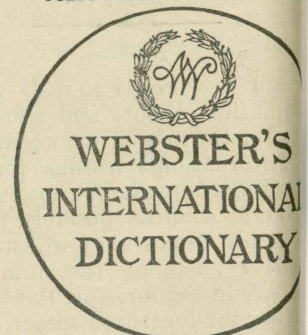
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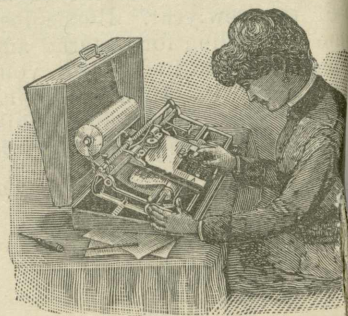
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